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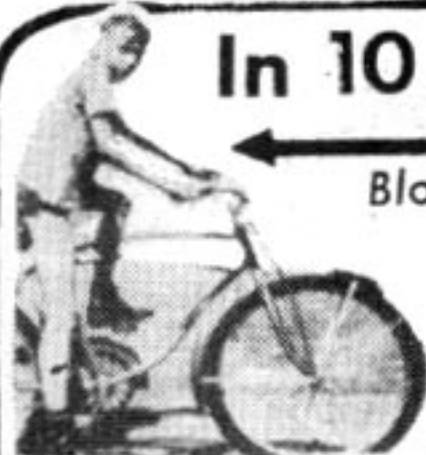
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In 10 Minutes of **FUN** a day I changed myself



Ken Grimm BEFORE mailing coupon

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Bloodless, Pitiful

SKINNY SHRIMP
to this



NEW MUSCULAR RED-BLOODED HEAD-TO-TOE HE-MAN!

Ken GRIMM AFTER MAILING COUPON

Now, Buddy **YOU**

Mail the Coupon below as I did!!

May be **LAST CHANCE** before \$1 price goes back!

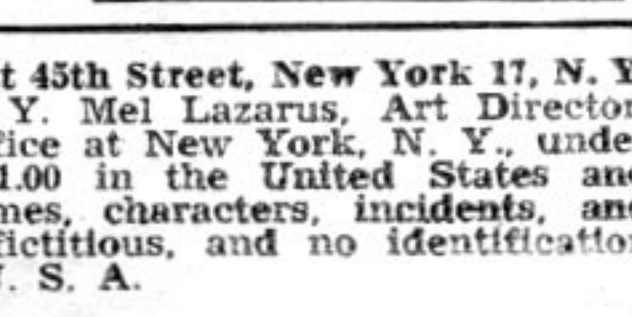
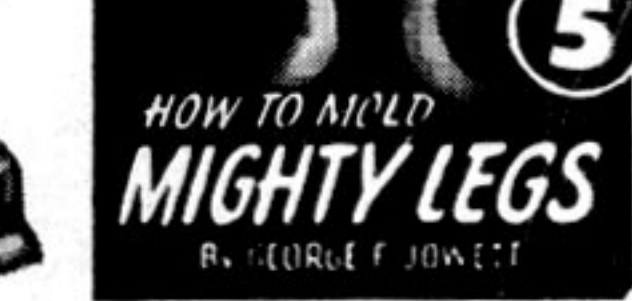
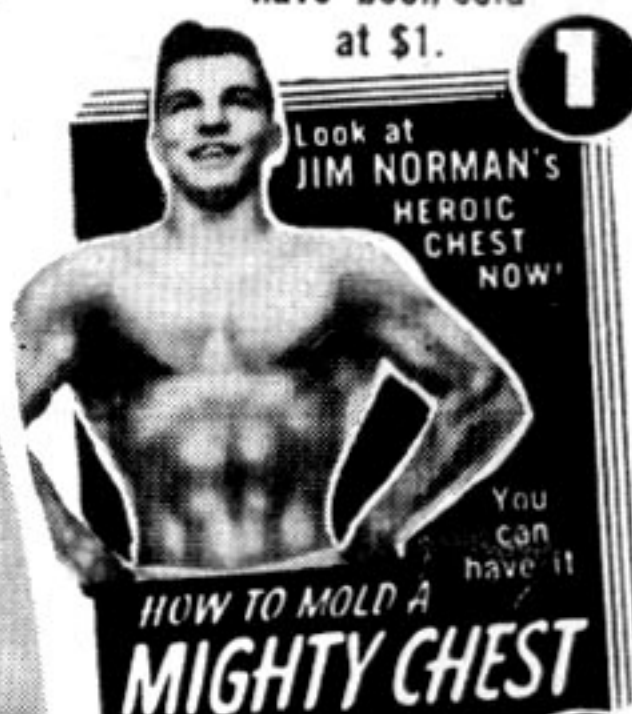
GET ALL THESE PICTURE-PACKED COURSES

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FREE

If you mail coupon NOW!

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I just **GAINED 35 NEW LBS.** OF SHAPELY POWER-PACKED **MUSCLES!**
You can do the same as I and **THOUSANDS** have
You can add **10 inches** to your **CHEST**
6 inches to each **ARM** and the rest in proportion as I did.

NO! friend you don't have to be **SKINNY, WEAK** or **FLABBY** any more just mail **NOW** the **FREE** coupon below as I did.
Besides getting **ALL 5 Courses** (pictured on this page) **FREE** (MILLIONS HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR \$1.) you'll **ALSO** get **FREE** a big **BOOK** of **PHOTOS** of **STRONG MEN** and **BOYS** who were **WEAKLINGS** like you **BEFORE** mailing coupon.

THIS THRILLING BOOK WILL ALSO TELL YOU

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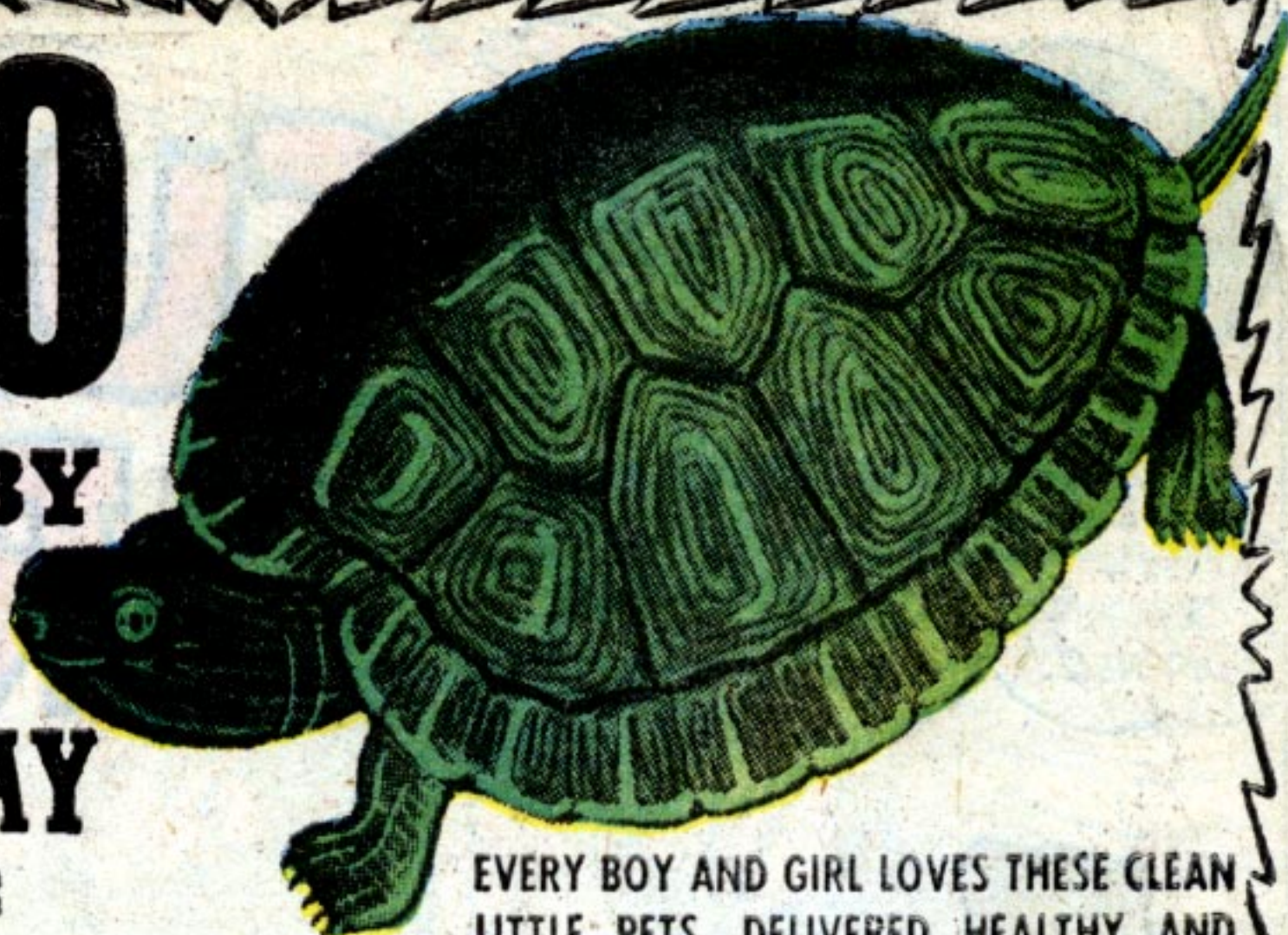
CAN WIN
A BIG 15" TALL SILVER CUP
as I just did
and how to
WIN \$100.



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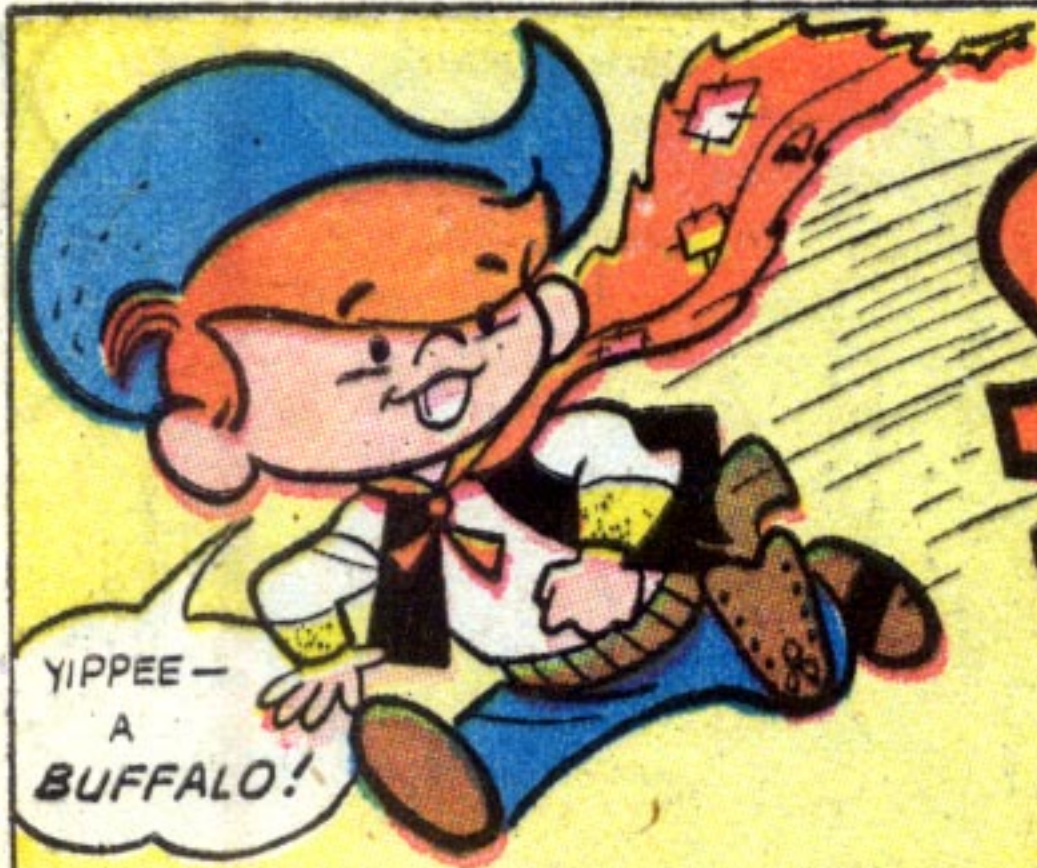
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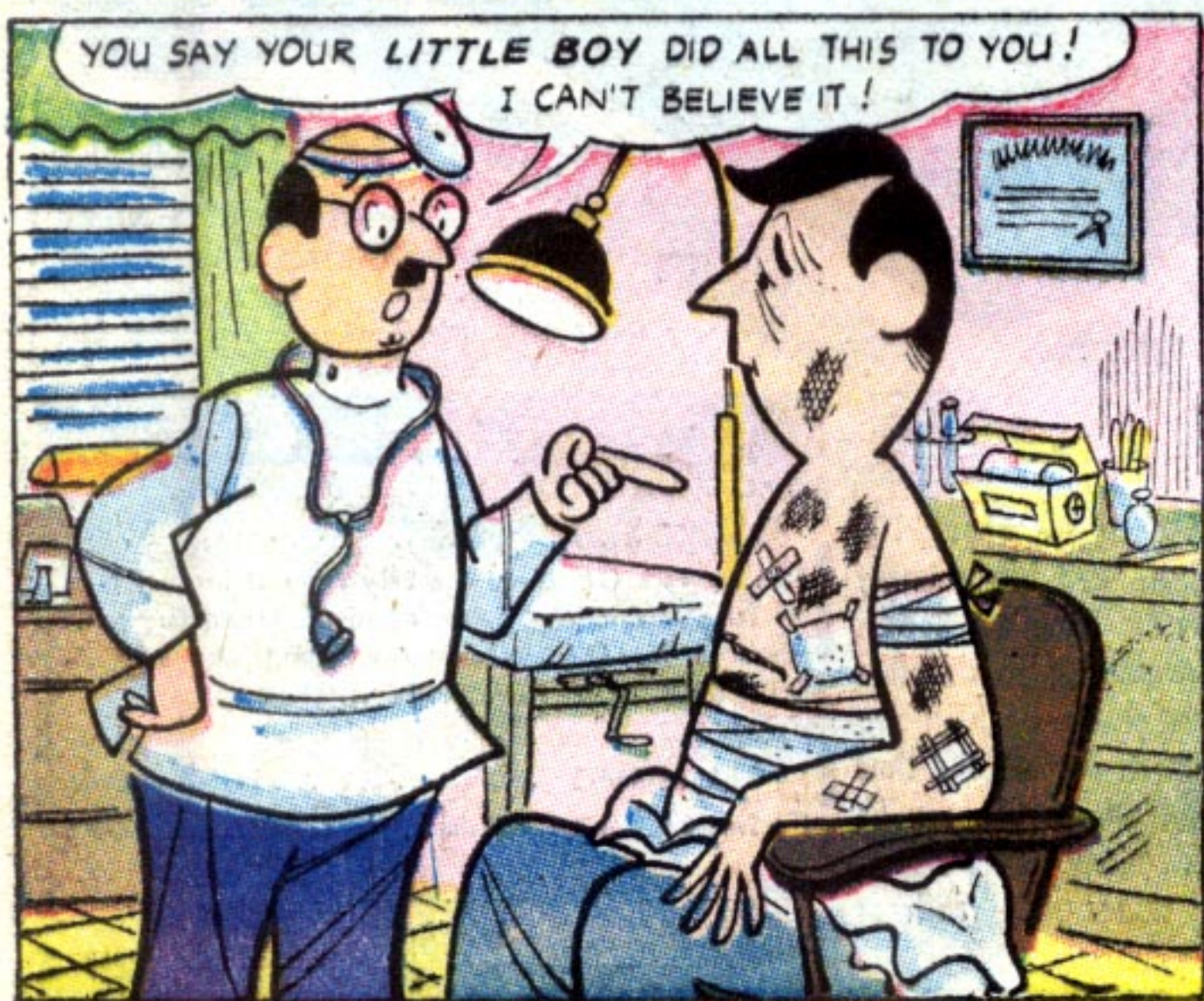
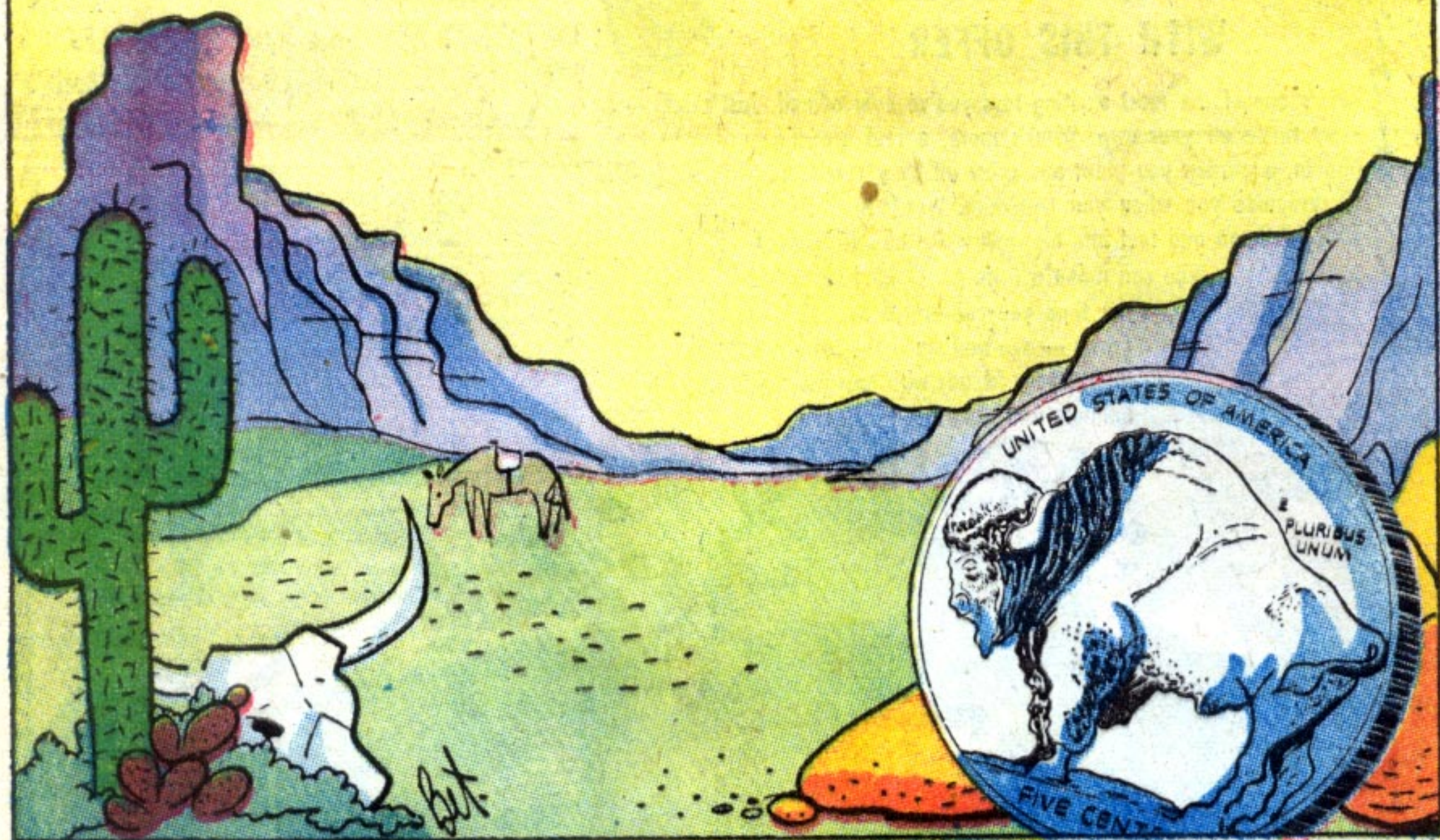
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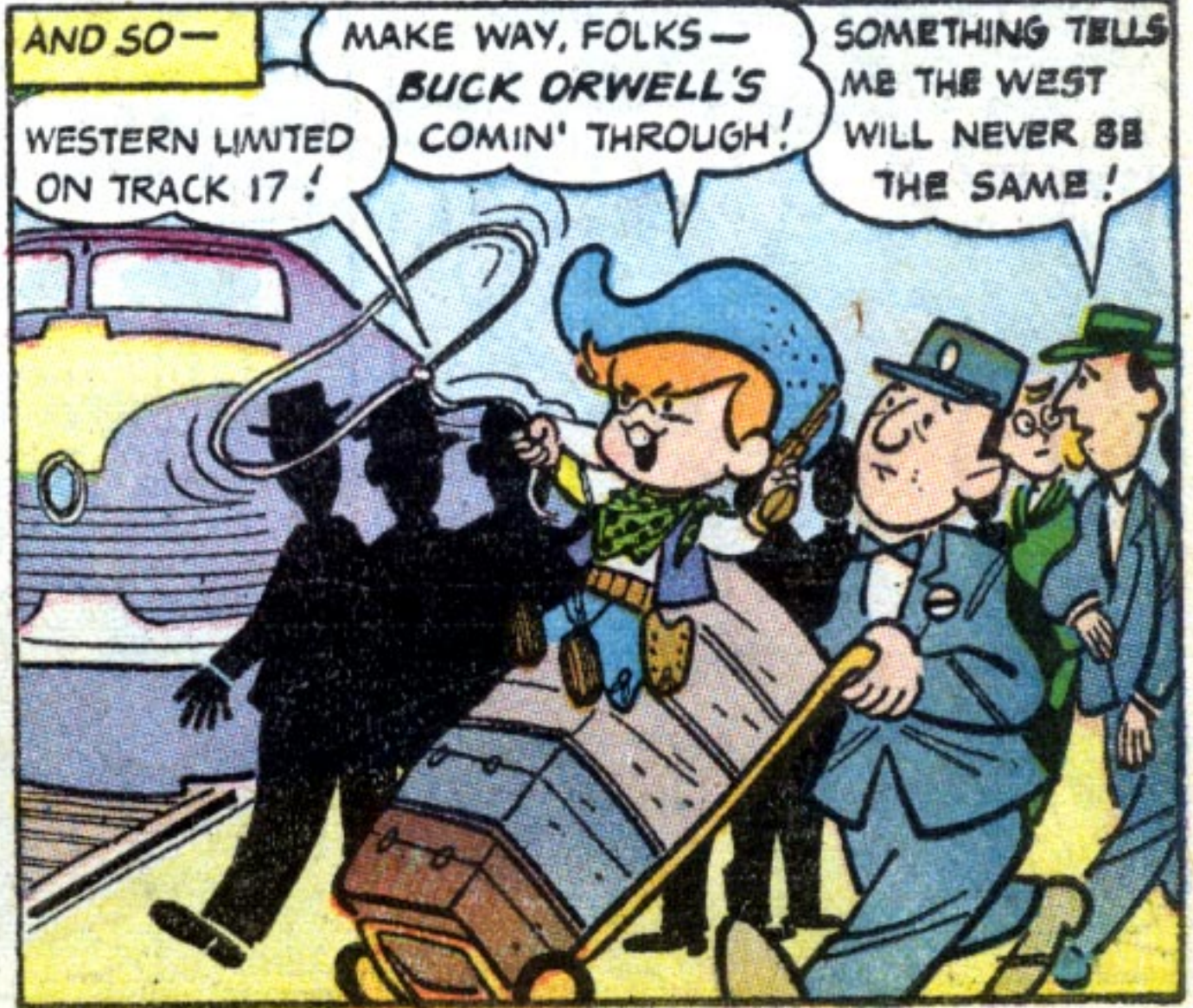
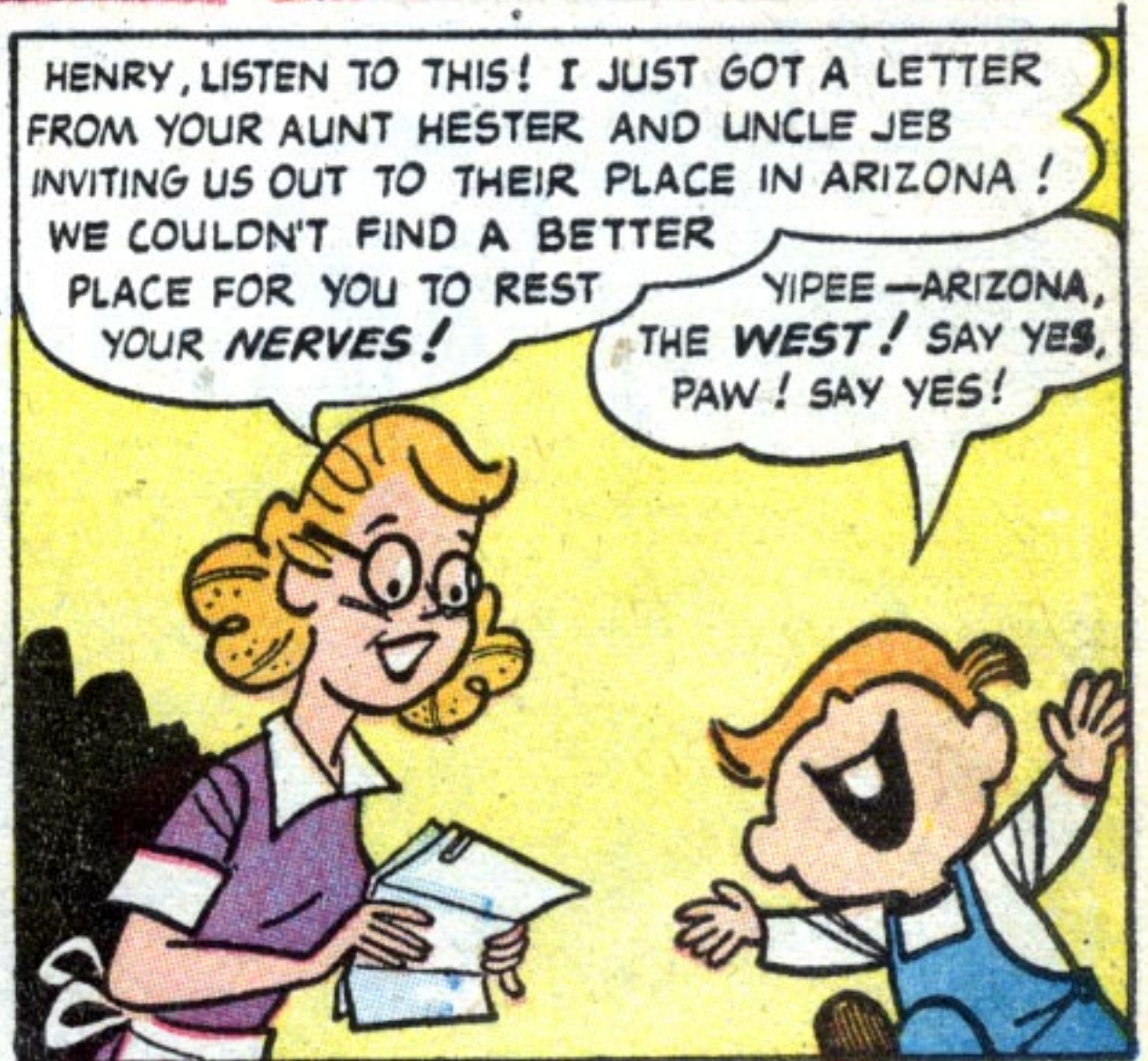
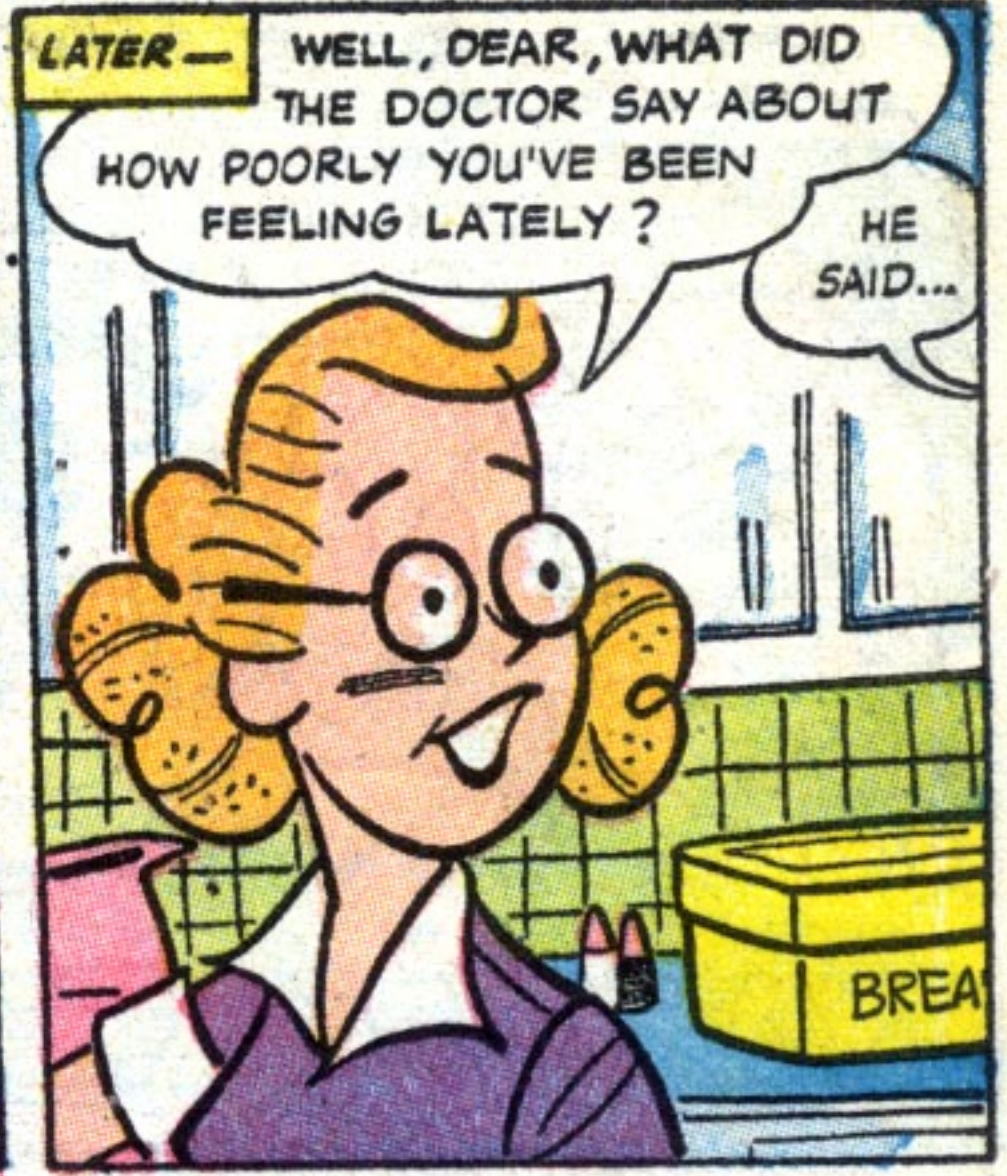
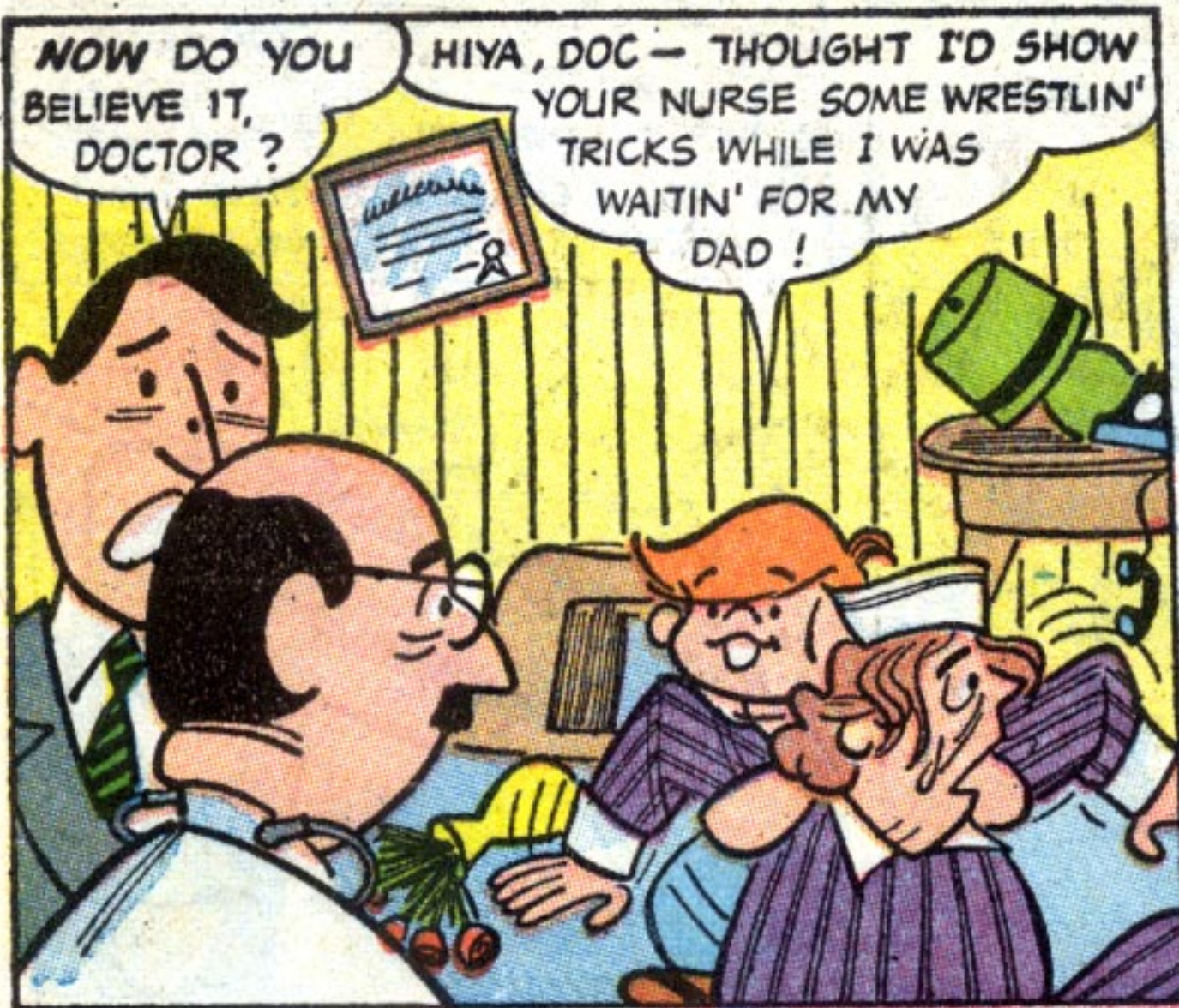
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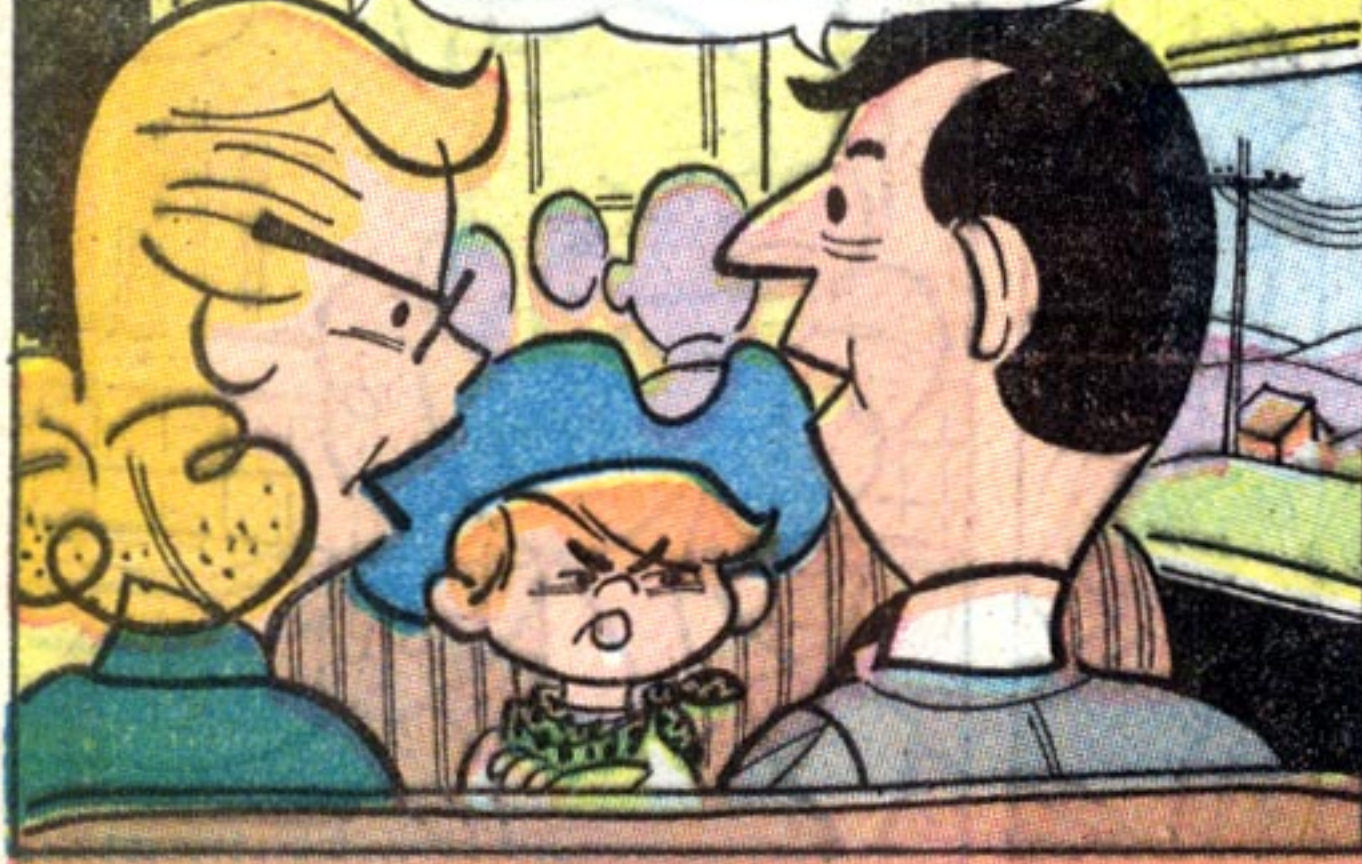
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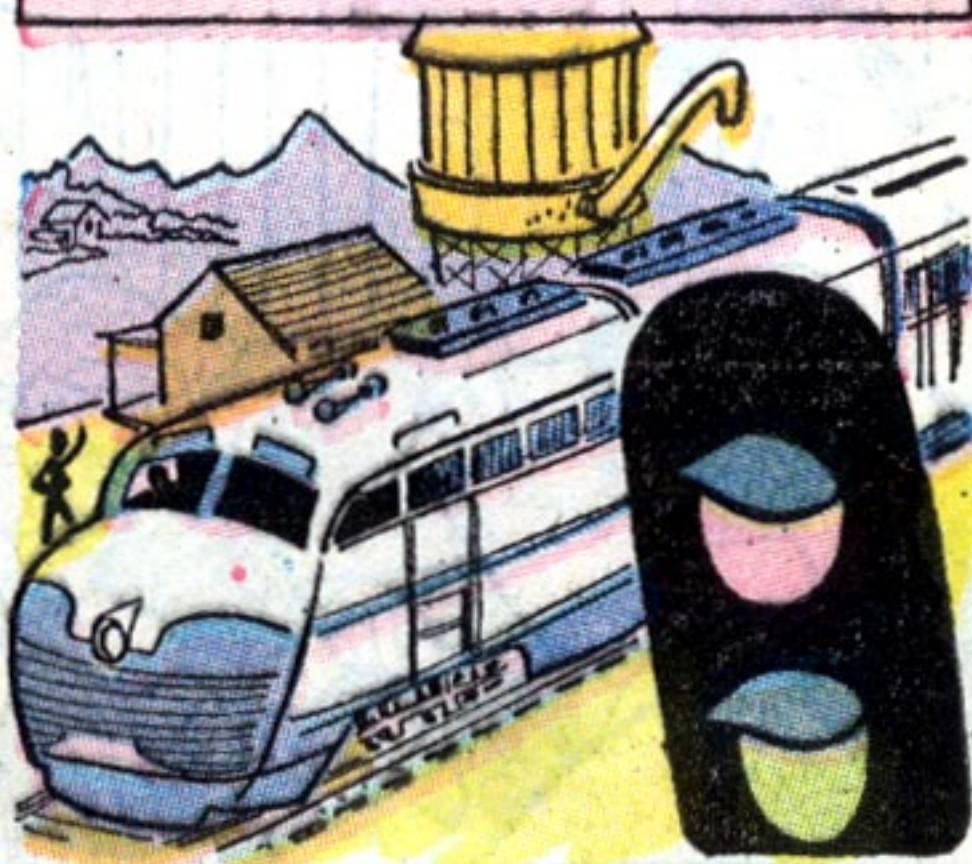


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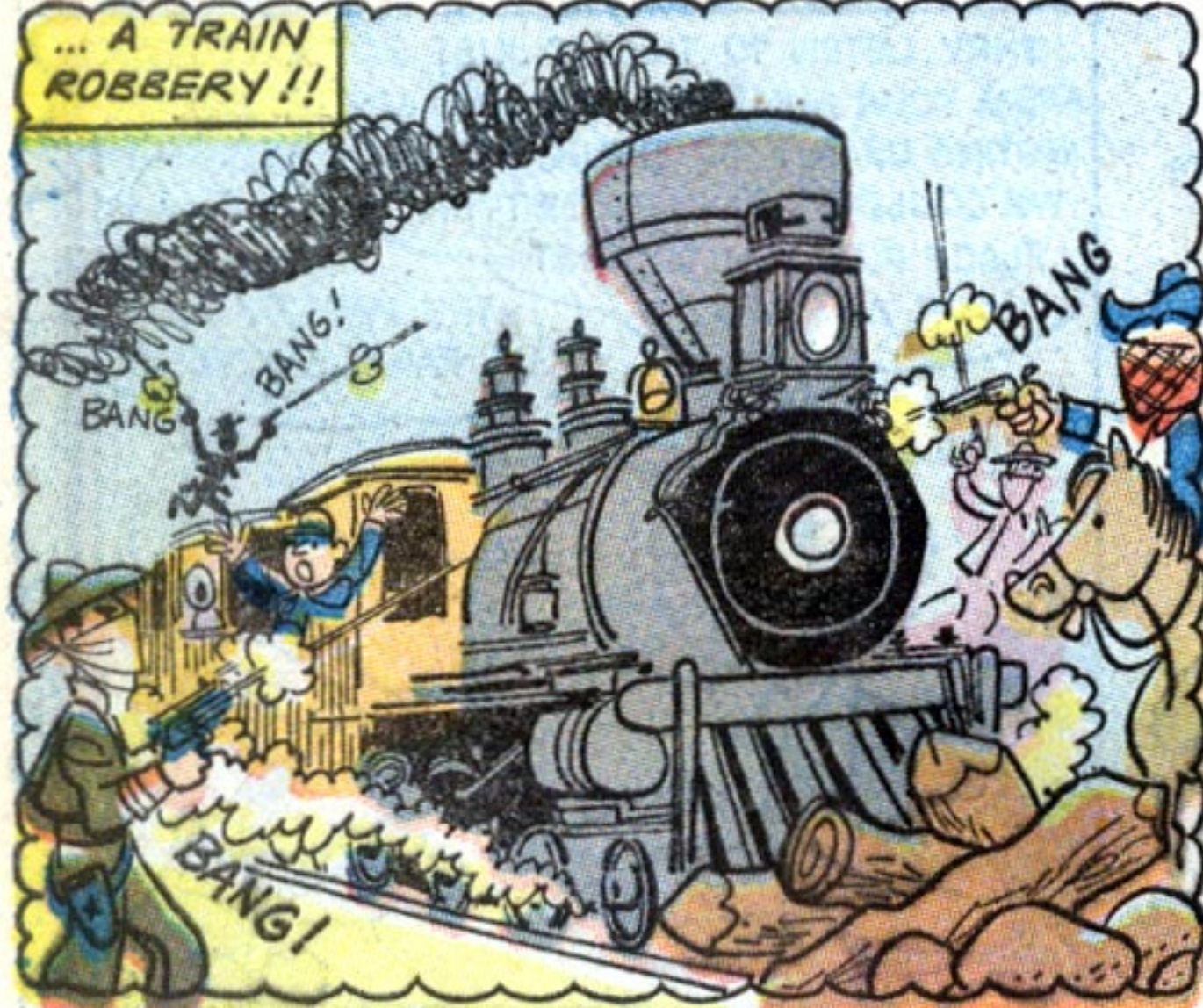
YEAH... BUT **WHAT'S** GOING ON INSIDE THAT BRAIN OF HIS? SEE HOW HIS EYES ARE DARTING BACK AND FORTH! OH-OH—LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STOPPING FOR WATER...



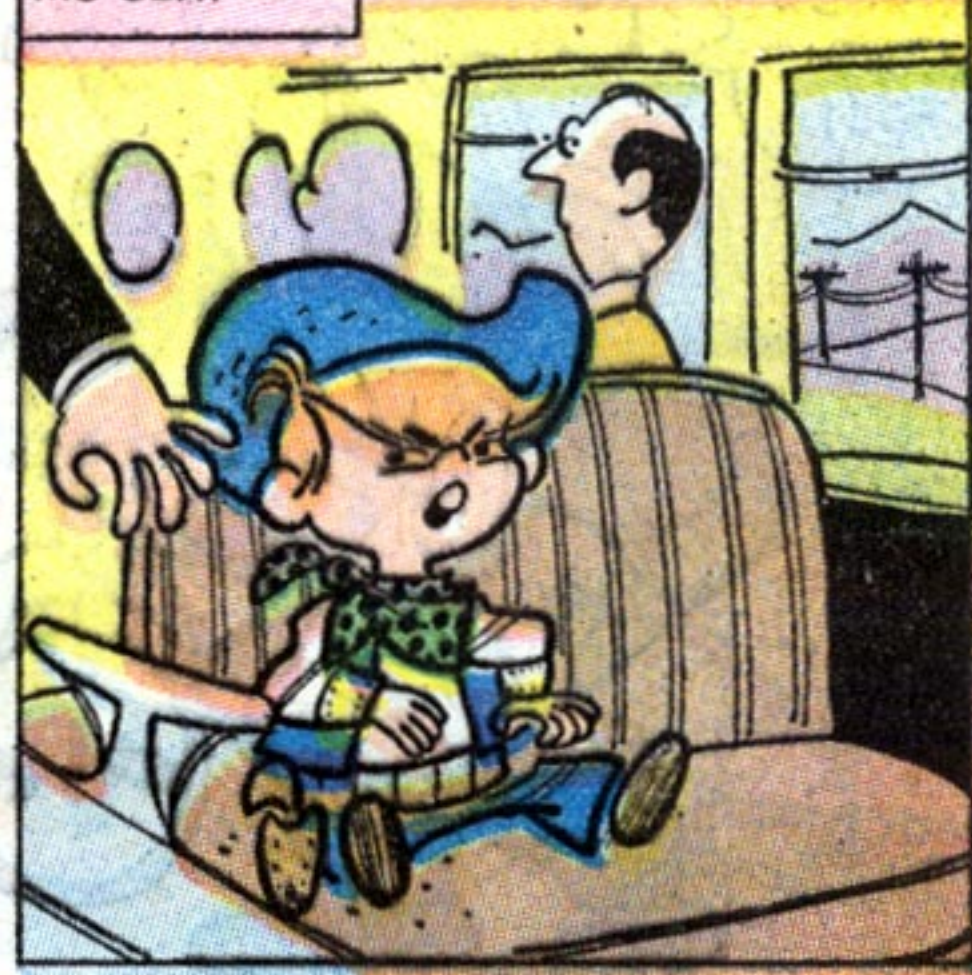
THE TRAIN GRINDS TO A STOP NEAR THE WATER TANK. EVERYBODY ABOARD THINKS IT'S STOPPED JUST FOR WATER—BUT **BUCK ORWELL** KNOWS WHAT AN **UNSCHEDULED STOP** REALLY MEANS...



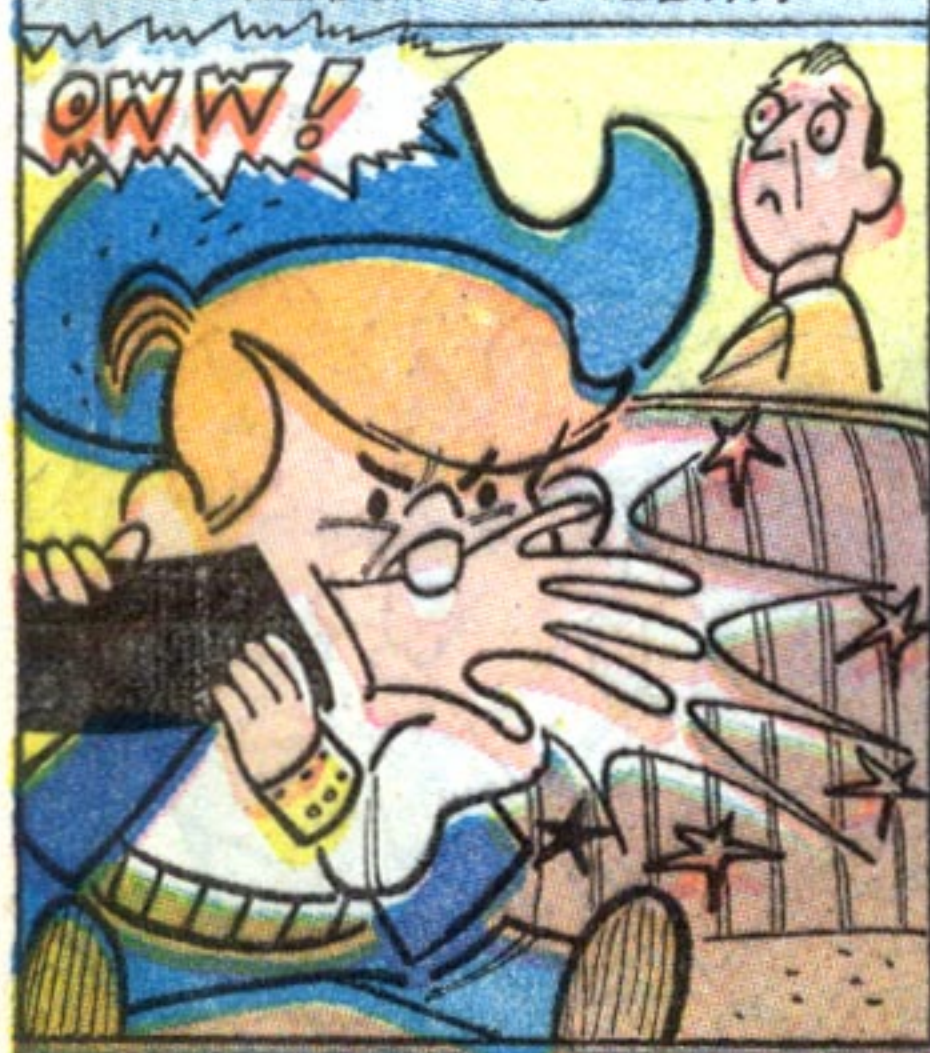
... A TRAIN ROBBERY!!



SO WHEN A BIG HAIRY HAND REACHES SLOWLY DOWN TOWARD THE BACK OF HIS SEAT...



BUCK ORWELL USES HIS MOST POTENT WEAPON... HIS **TEETH**!



OLLIE, WHAT GOT INTO YOU? THE **CONDUCTOR** WAS JUST REACHING DOWN FOR THE TICKETS ON THE BACK OF OUR SEATS!

HE DIDN'T HAVETA BE SO DURNED SNEAKY ABOUT IT, DID HE?



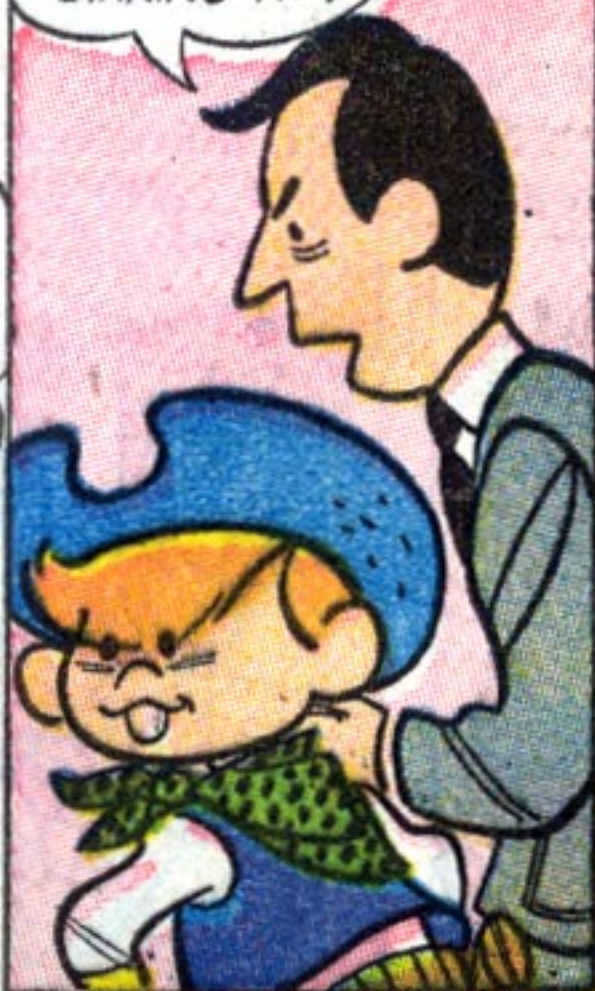
IT'S A LONG TRIP AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE WHEN THE TRAIN STOPS, MR. ORWELL TAKES OLLIE FOR A WALK...

OLLIE, THE WEST ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE! YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ALL THOSE NOTIONS ABOUT BUFFALOES AND WILD INDIANS OUT OF...

...YOUR HEAD— OLLIE? WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?

TH—THIS CAN'T BE! W—WE'RE STILL EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI!

WAHOOO WAHOOO

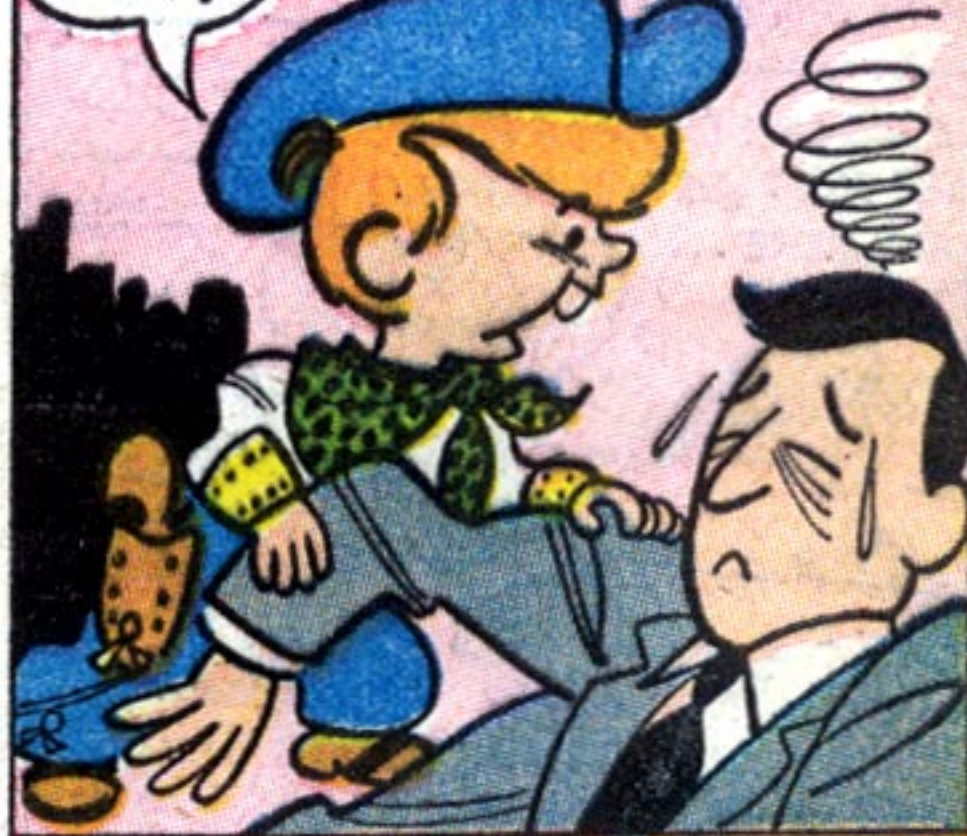


WAHOOO—WAHOOO!
TRICK OR TREAT!

AIEEE! MY NERVES!
I—I THINK I'M GOING TO...



WAKE UP, DAD! THEY'RE JUST DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN! IT'S NOT PERLITE TO FALL ASLEEP ON FELLERS WHEN THEY WANT A PLAY!



MEANWHILE, AT AUNT HESTER AND UNCLE JEB'S PLACE—

YOU FOLKS GONETA STOP USING MY WELL, OR DO I HAVETA GET THE SHERIFF TO MAKE YOU STOP.

WHEN YOU SOLD US THIS HOUSE, YOU SAID THE WELL WENT WITH IT! AND NOW... (SOB)...

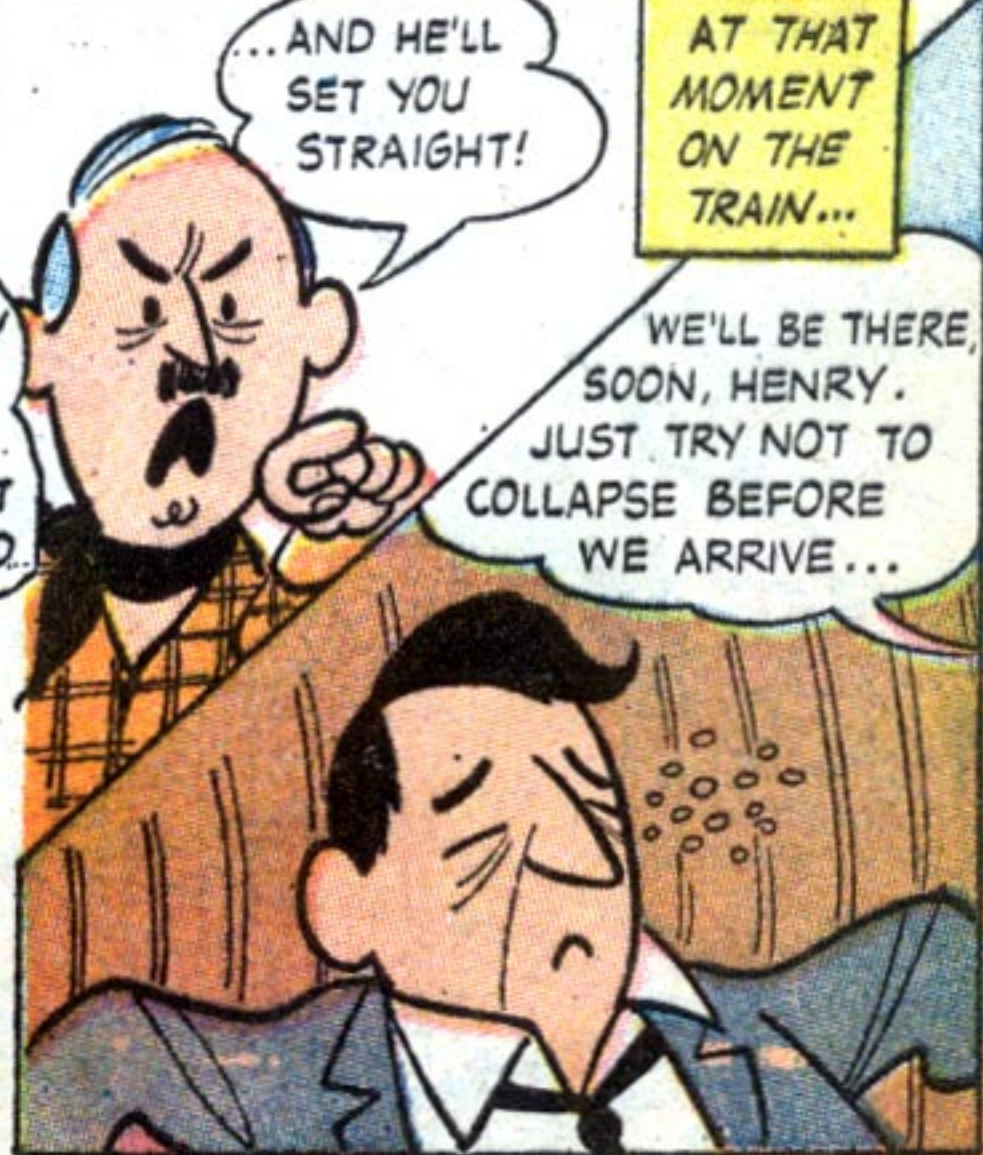
HUSH, HESTER, WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR MY NEPHEW, HENRY ORWELL, COMING FROM OUT EAST, AND...



...AND HE'LL SET YOU STRAIGHT!

AT THAT MOMENT ON THE TRAIN...

WE'LL BE THERE, SOON, HENRY. JUST TRY NOT TO COLLAPSE BEFORE WE ARRIVE...



AND NOW THE ORWELLS HAVE ARRIVED!

GLAD YOU GOT HERE, HENRY! THERE'S SHHH — PLEASE, NOT NOW. HENRY NEEDS ABSOLUTE REST.

SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO GIVE A GOOD TALKING-TO!

BE SEEIN' YUH, FOLKS! MIGHT AS WELL LET THUH RUST- LERS KNOW BUCK ORWELL'S HERE SO'S THEY KIN START MAKIN' TRACKS FER THUH FOOT- HILLS...

HEH-HEH-HEH — SO THAT'S THE NEPHEW WHO WAS GONETA SET ME STRAIGHT! I COULD KNOCK HIM OVER WITH A FLICK OF MY WRIST! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THE HOUSE BACK FOR A SONG...AND SELL IT ALL OVER AGAIN!

HOME, HOME ON THUH RANGE!

AFTER SINGING HOME ON THE RANGE 316 TIMES, AND STILL SEEING NOTHING BUT SANDY WASTES AND A MITE OF PASTURE LAND, BUCK ORWELL GETS A MITE DISCOURAGED...

GEE WHIZZ — IT LOOKS LIKE DAD WAS RIGHT! THE WEST JUST AIN'T WILD ANY MORE...

IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE A FELLER GOOD AN' SORE! HERE I TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES FER A LITTLE EXCITEMENT, AN'...

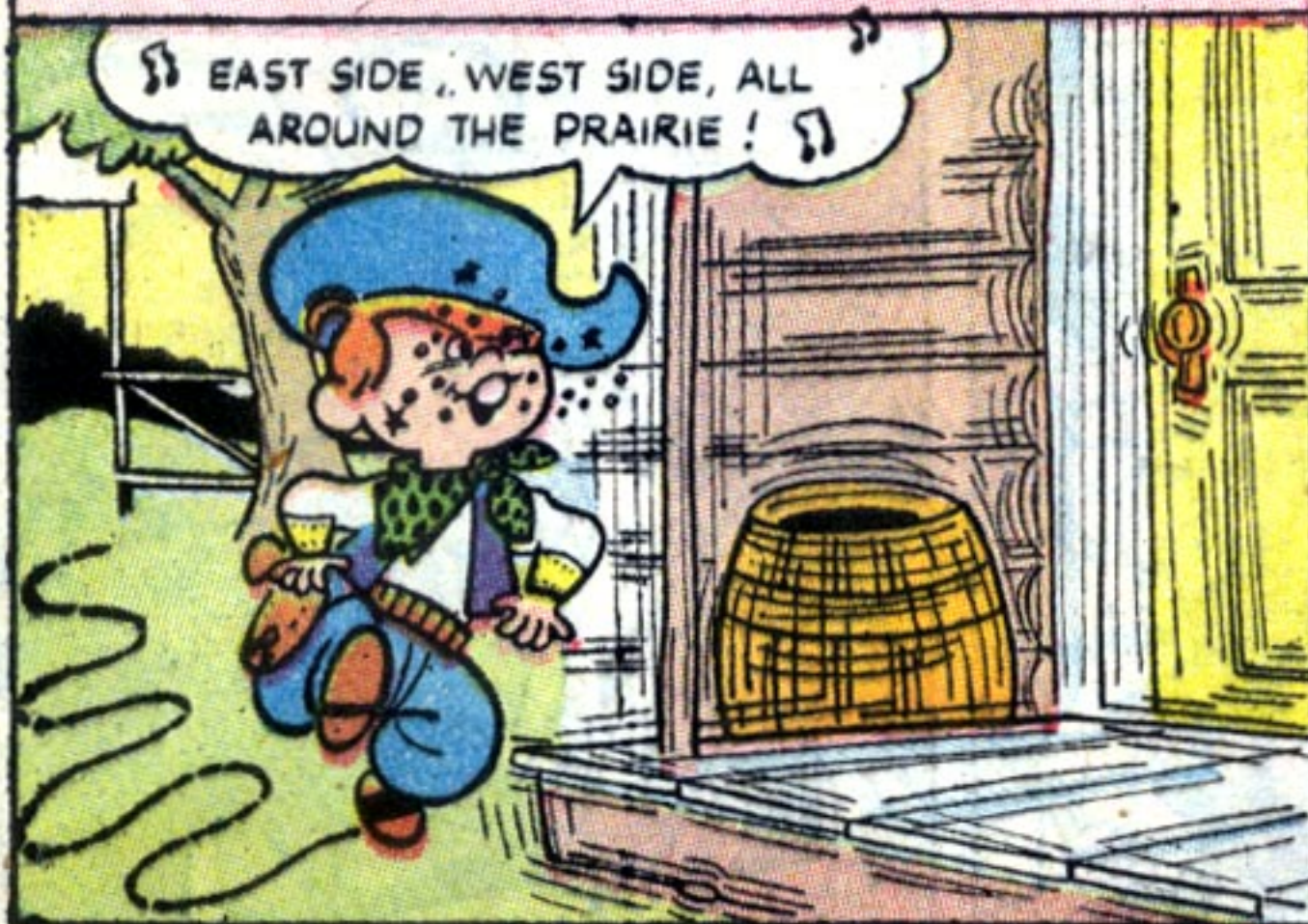
POW
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GOSH, THIS IS EXCITIN' — SO HOW COME I'M SORER THAN EVER?

ZING

BOINGG
GG!

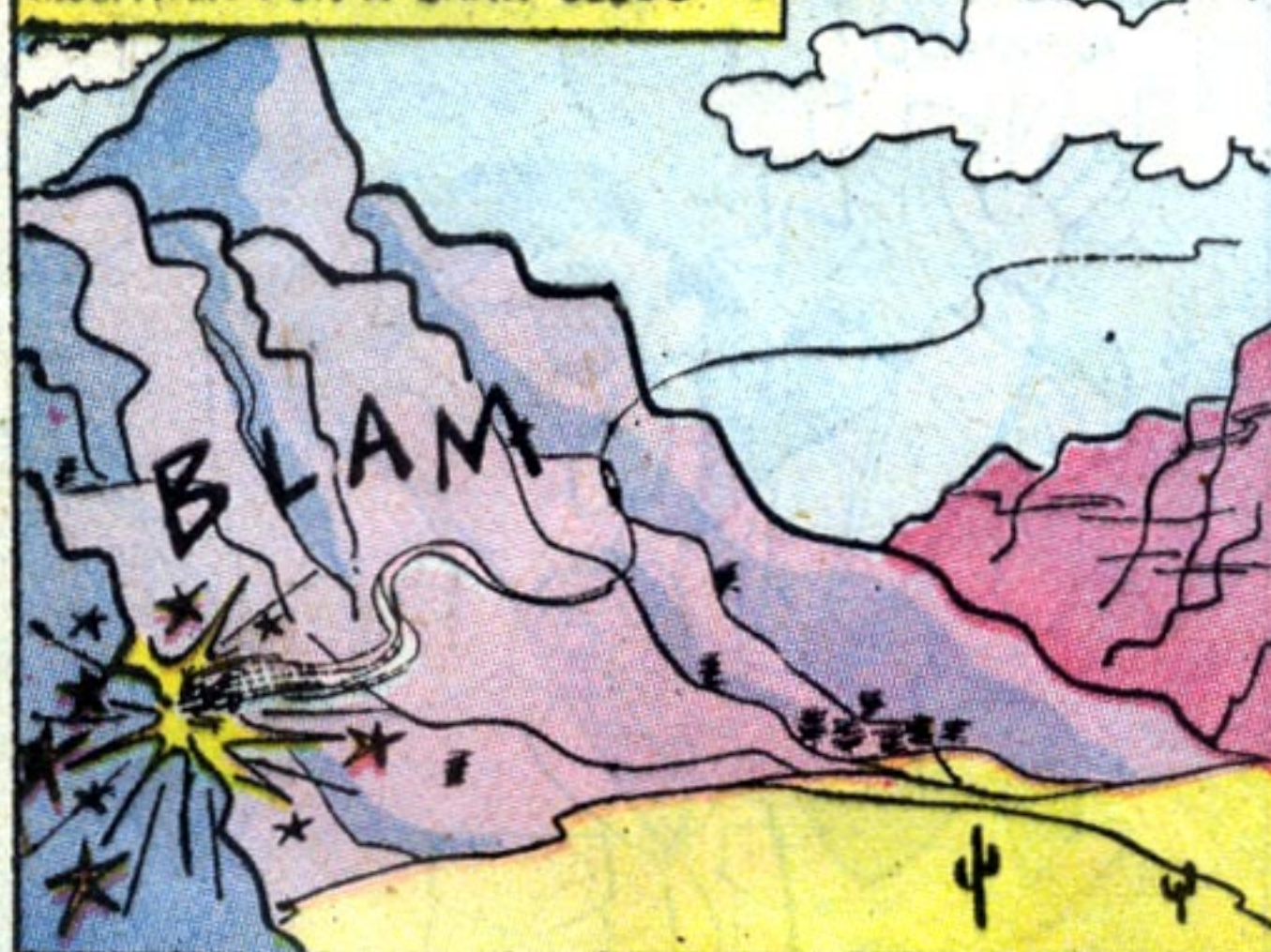
THAT WAS HIS HEAD BUCK ORWELL LANDED ON! AND EVERYTHING KEEPS WHIRLING AND TWIRLING AS HE DRAGS HIMSELF BACK TO AUNT HESTER'S PLACE!



STILL DAZED, HE WALKS UPSTAIRS, AND BY SHEER INSTINCT, PULLS FROM HIS VALISE THE MAGIC CAPE THAT TRANSFORMS HIM INTO SUPER BRAT! AND AS HE SOARS OUT OF THE WINDOW...HE IS SUPER-DAZED.



IN HIS SUPER-DAZED CONDITION HE MISTAKES A MOUNTAIN FOR A DARK CLOUD...



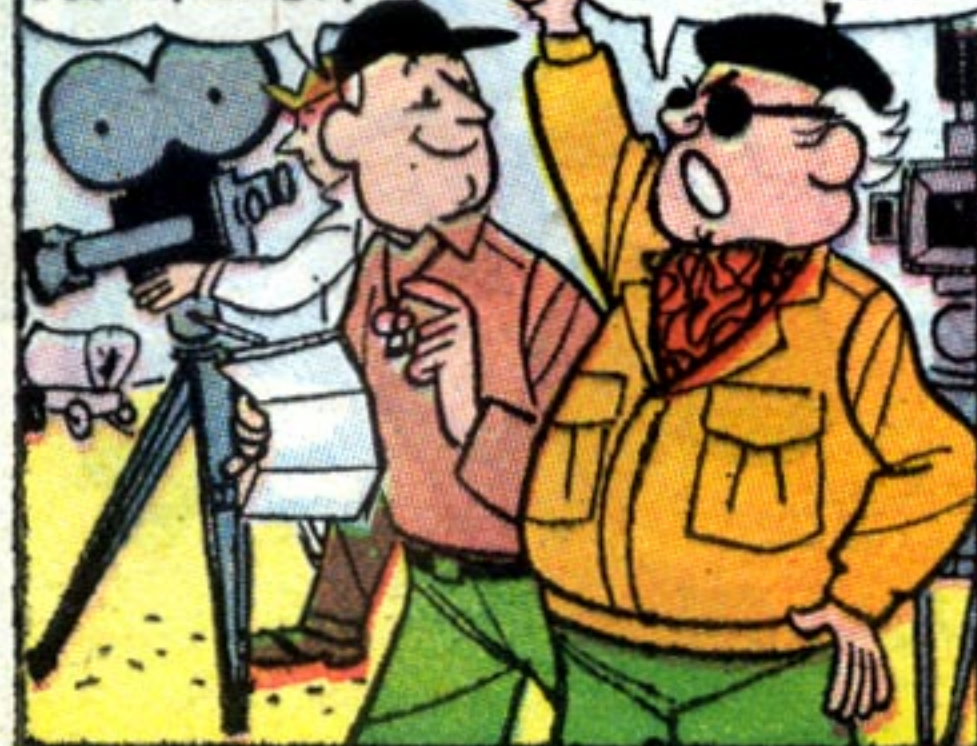
BUT WHEN HE COMES OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE ICE COLD CASCADE THERE CLEARS HIS HEAD!



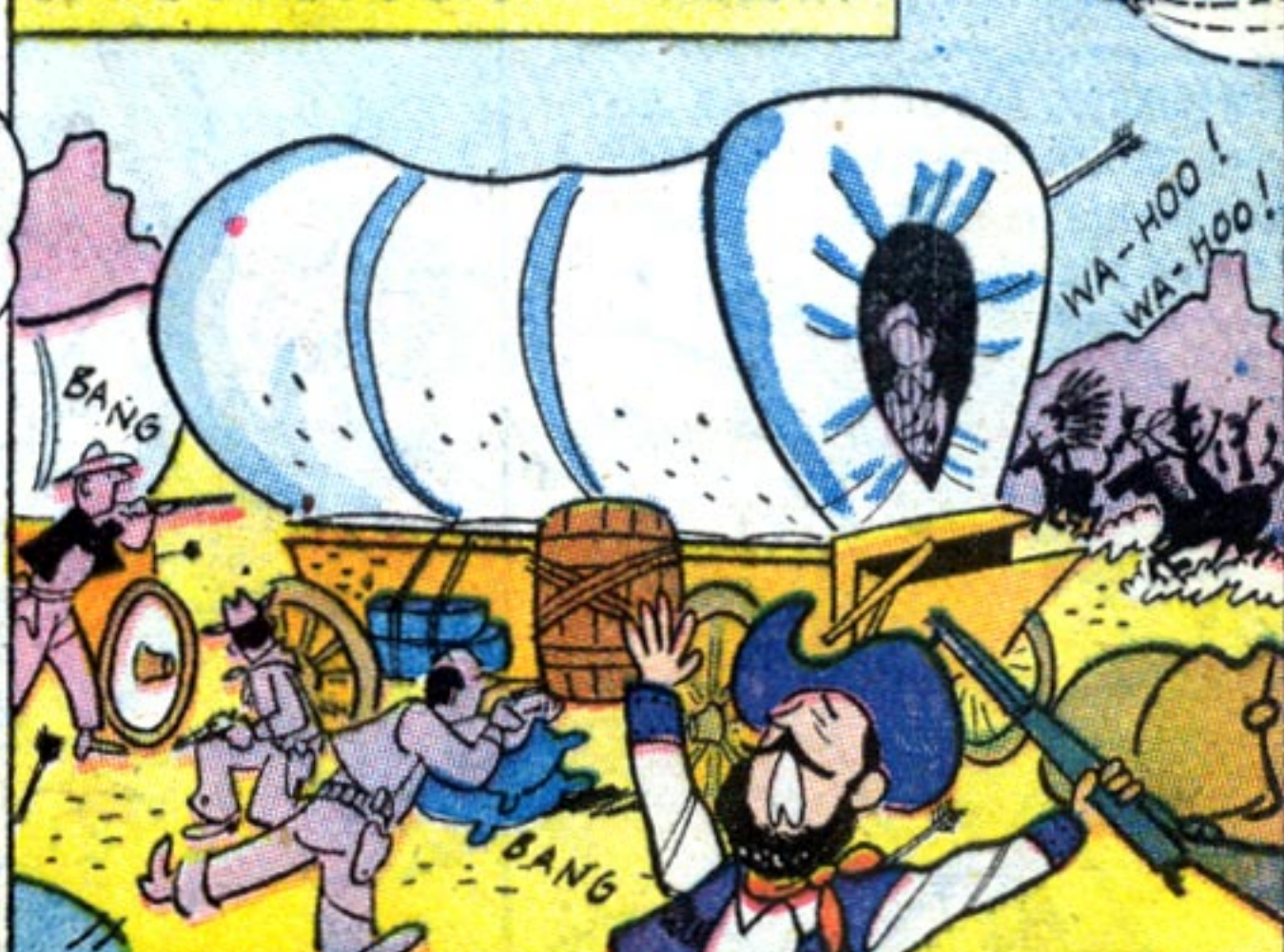
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT IN A NEARBY VALLEY A MOVIE COMPANY IS SHOOTING A WESTERN PICTURE!

EVERYTHING'S READY FOR THE BIG BATTLE SCENE, MR. B.!

THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR? LET THEM CHARGE...AND TELL THE CAMERAS TO ROLL...



SO THE CAMERAS BEGIN TO ROLL...

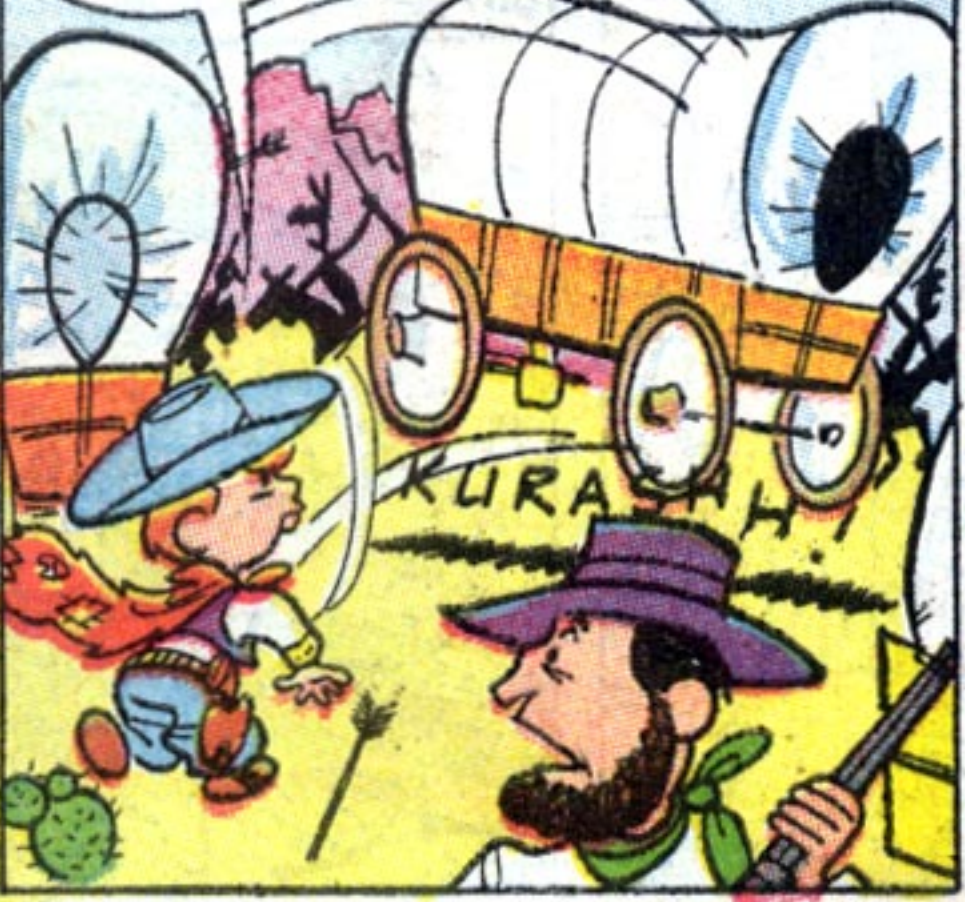


AND GUESS WHO FLIES OVERHEAD JUST THEN!

YIPPEE! INJUNS
ATTACKING A
WAGON TRAIN!
BUT NOW THE
PIONEERS' WORRIES
ARE OVER 'CAUSE
THEY GOT **SUPER
BRAT** ON THEIR
SIDE!



THIS'LL TAKE
CARE OF MOST
OF THE
INJUNS!

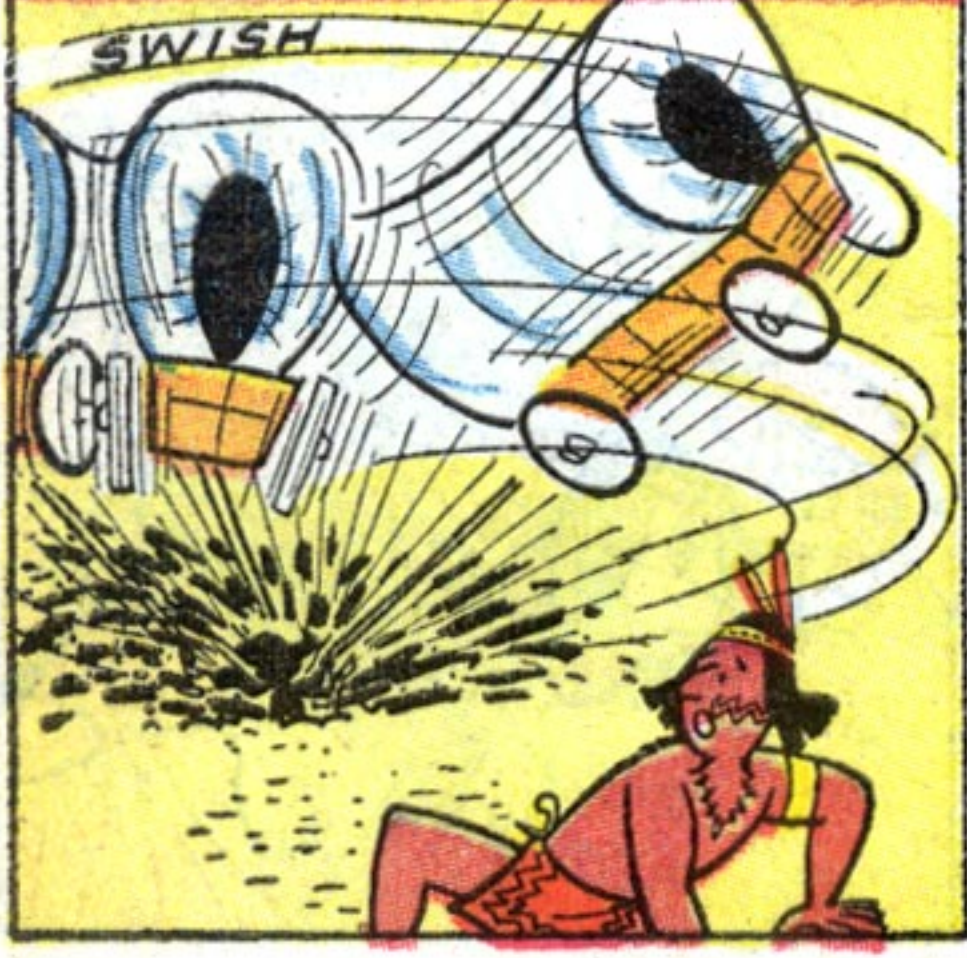


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SCRIPT! CUT! CUT!

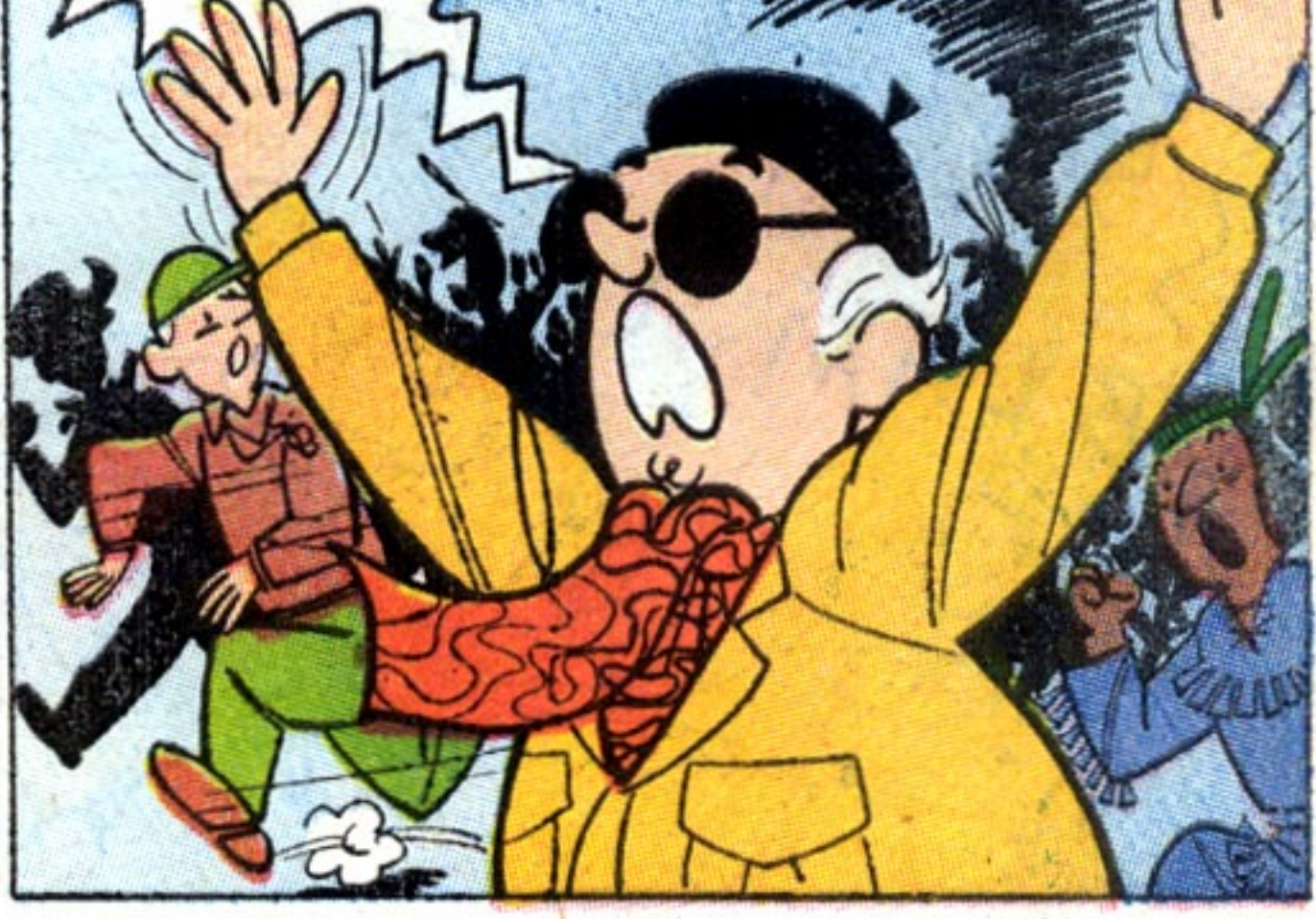
AND THIS'LL TAKE
CARE OF THE REST
OF 'EM!



AS **SUPER BRAT** KEEPS SPINNING WITH
SUPER VELOCITY, HE DIGS HIMSELF
DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE SOFT SAND!



RUN FOR YOUR LIVES, EVERYBODY—
WE'VE BEEN HIT BY A
TORNADO!



MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY—

I'M WORRIED ABOUT OLLIE. HE JUST
HAS TO GET THOSE SILLY NOTIONS
OUT OF HIS HEAD ABOUT THE WEST
BEING WIL —



NOTHIN'...(YAWN)...LIKE
A GOOD NAP AFTER
PULLIN' A RAW DEAL!



I STILL GOTTA LAUGH
WHEN I THINK OF THEM
THREATENIN' ME
THAT SISSY NEPHEW
OF THEIRS!



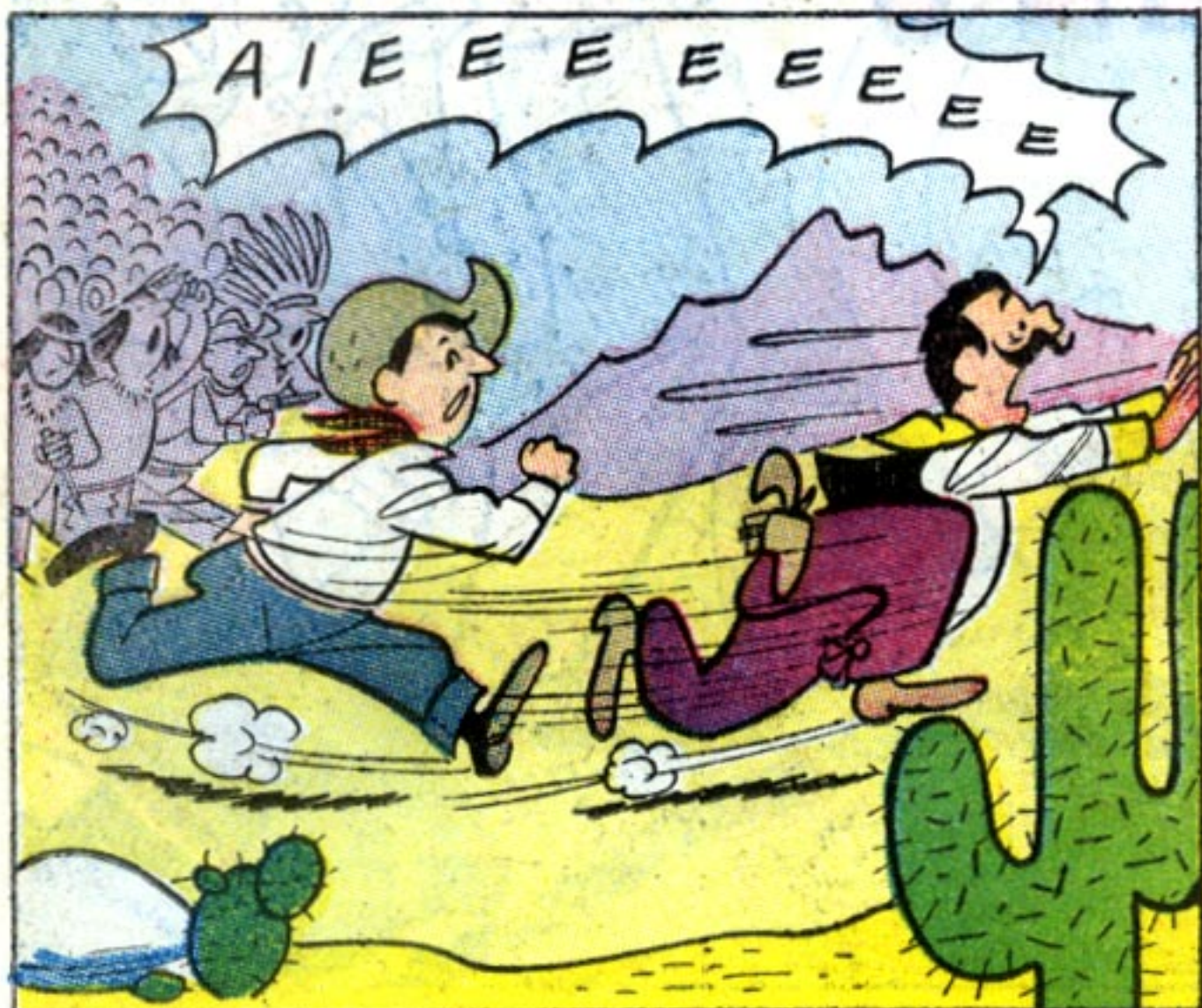
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H-HE'S COMIN' AFTER ME WITH HIS GANG!



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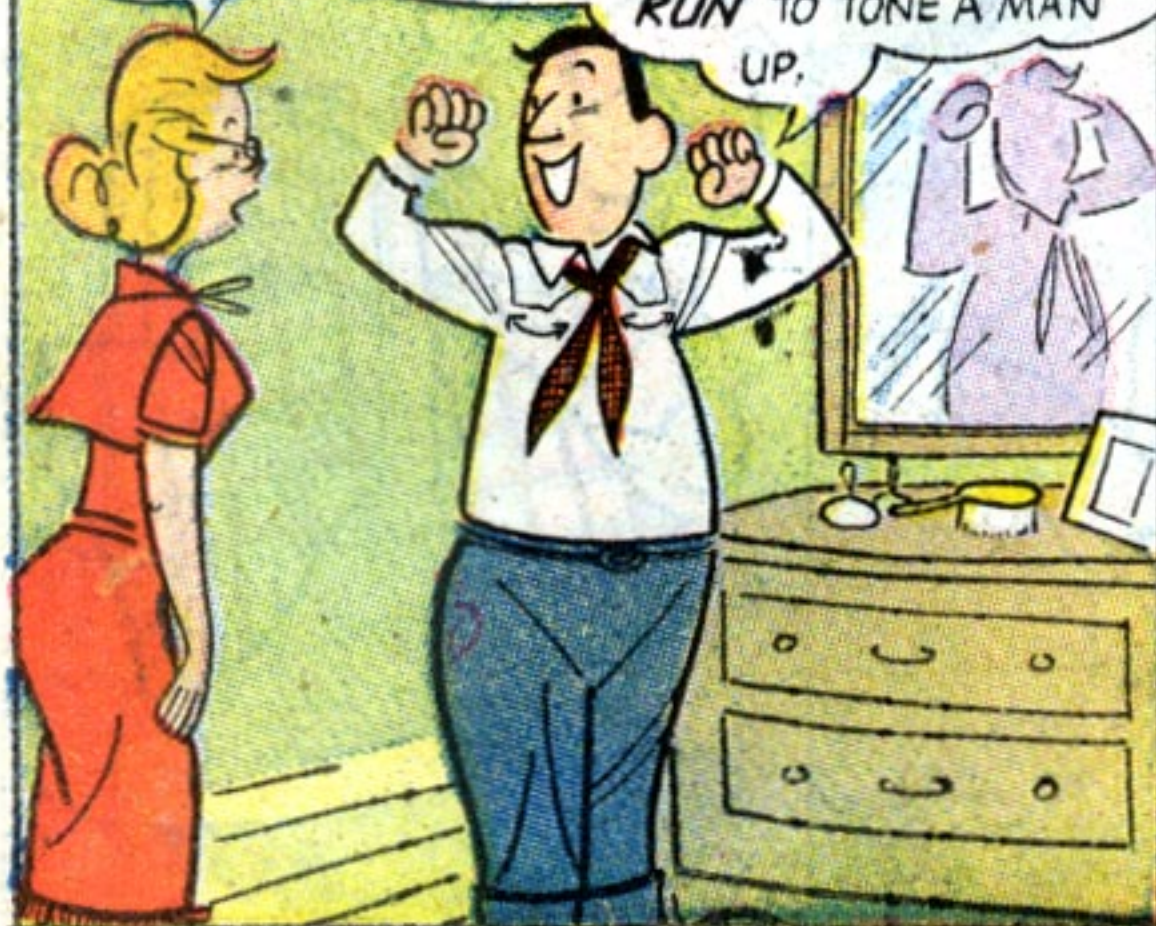


I-I WAS ONLY KIDDING! *THAT WELL BELONGS TO YOU!* IT ALWAYS DID! AN'-
WILL YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE...(SOB)...TO
TELL YOUR NEPHEW WHAT I JUST SAID?!

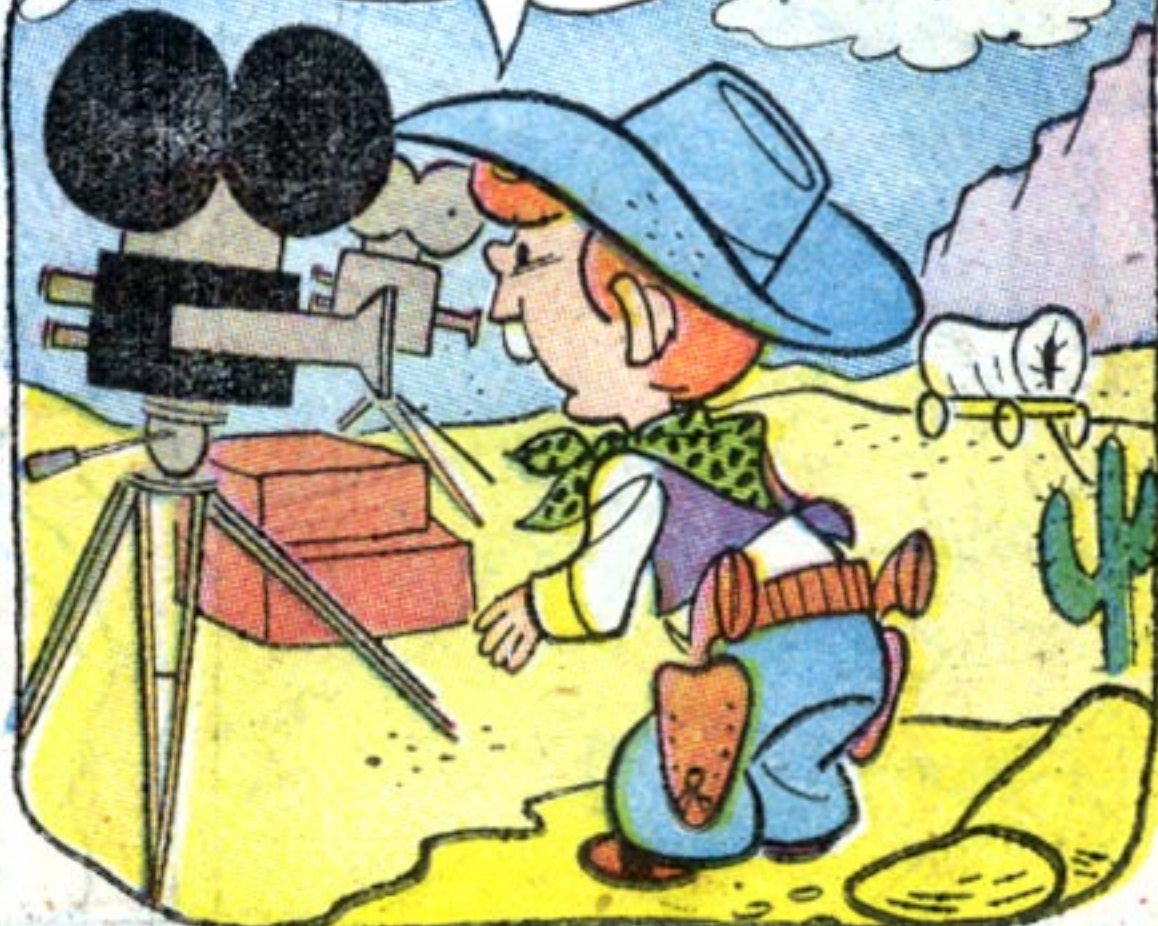


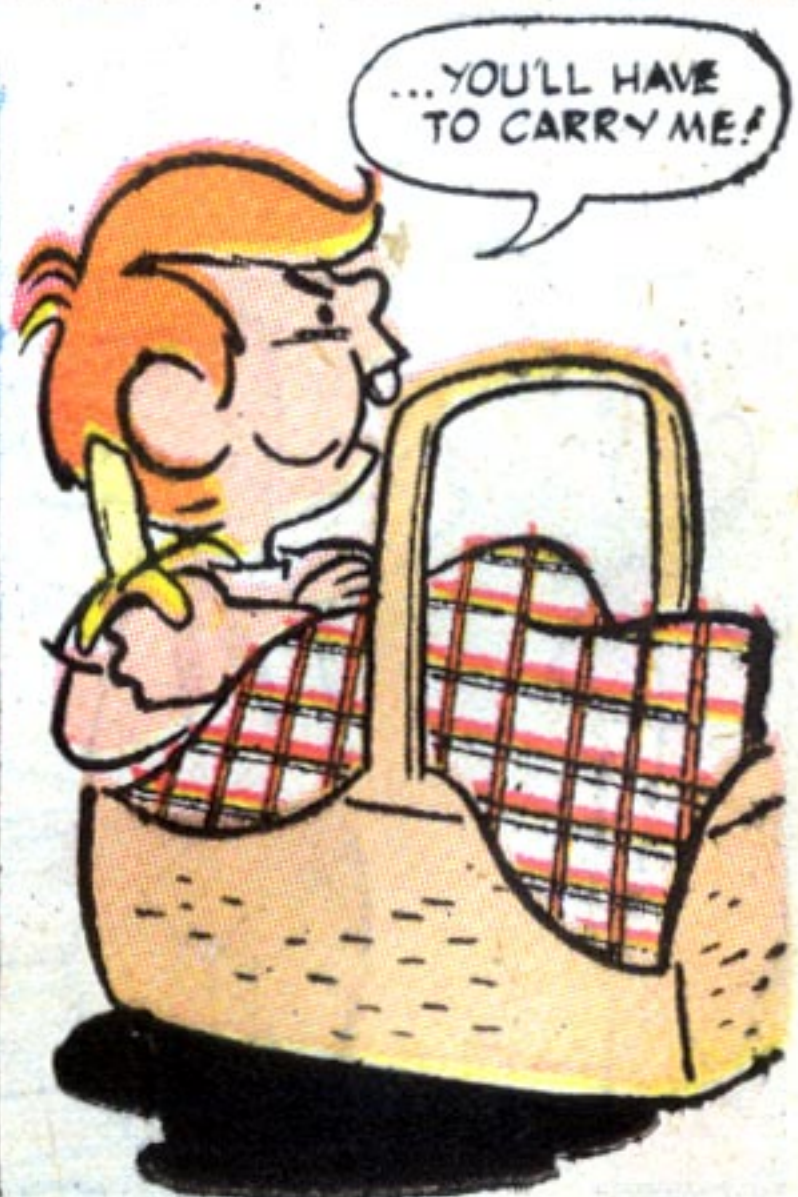
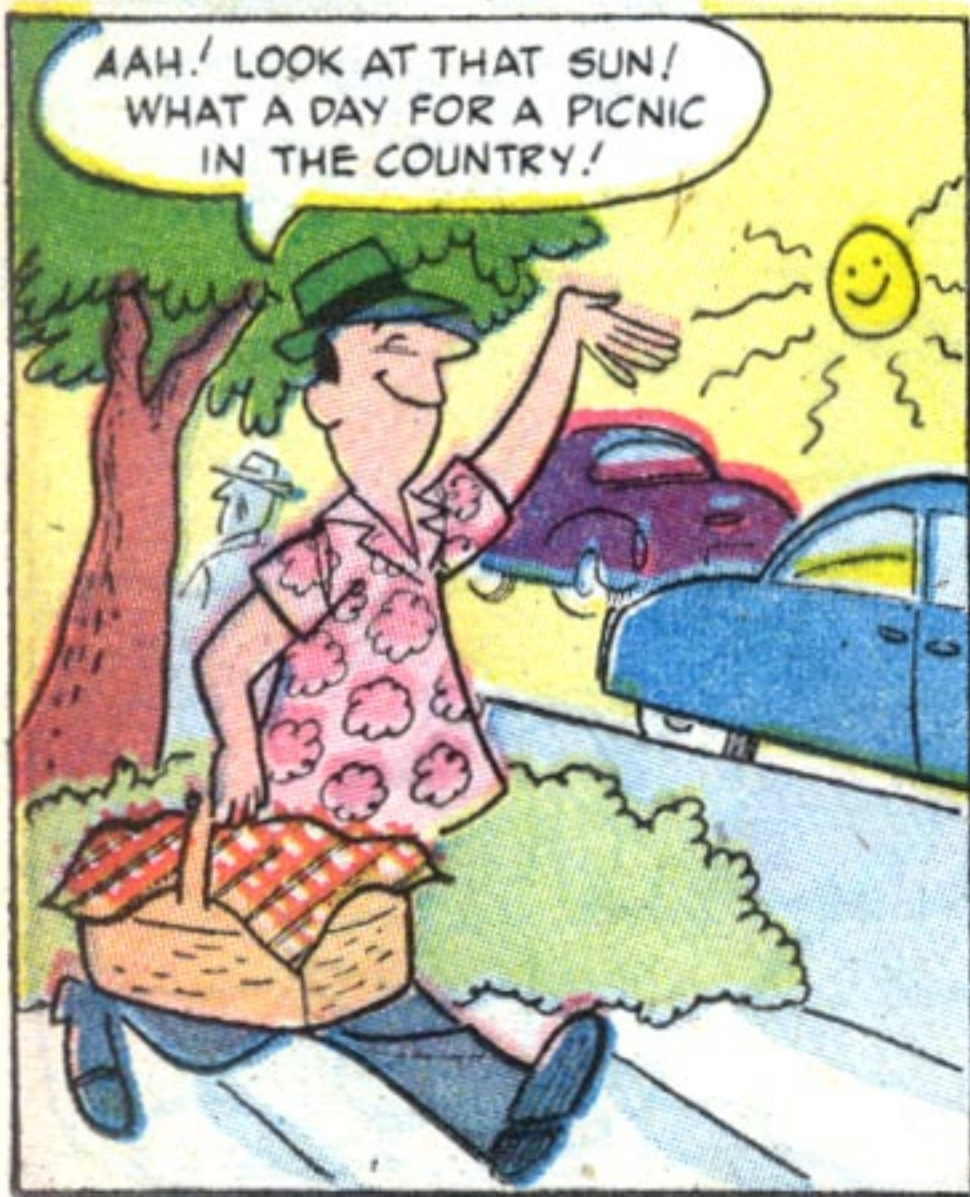
HENRY, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

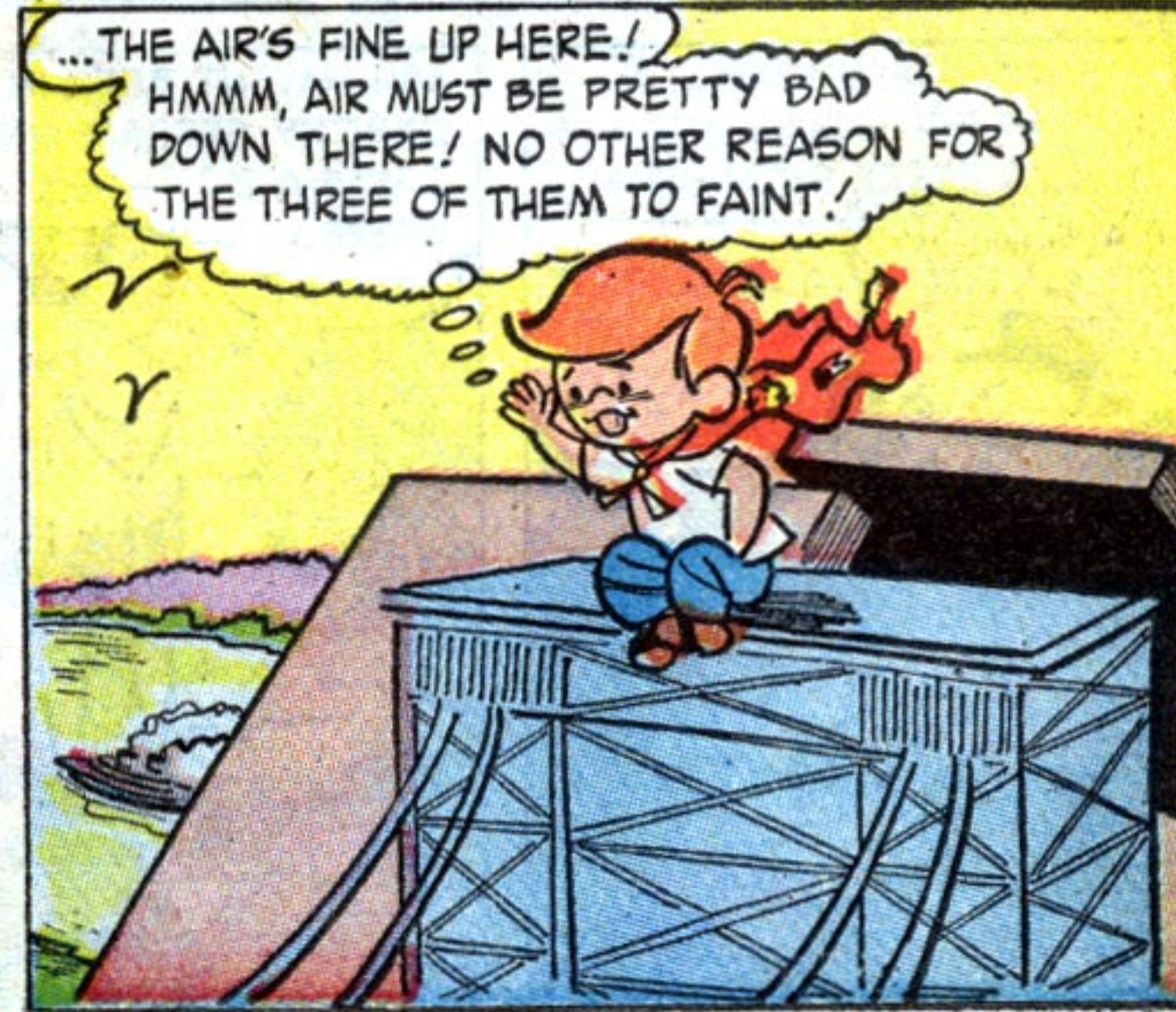
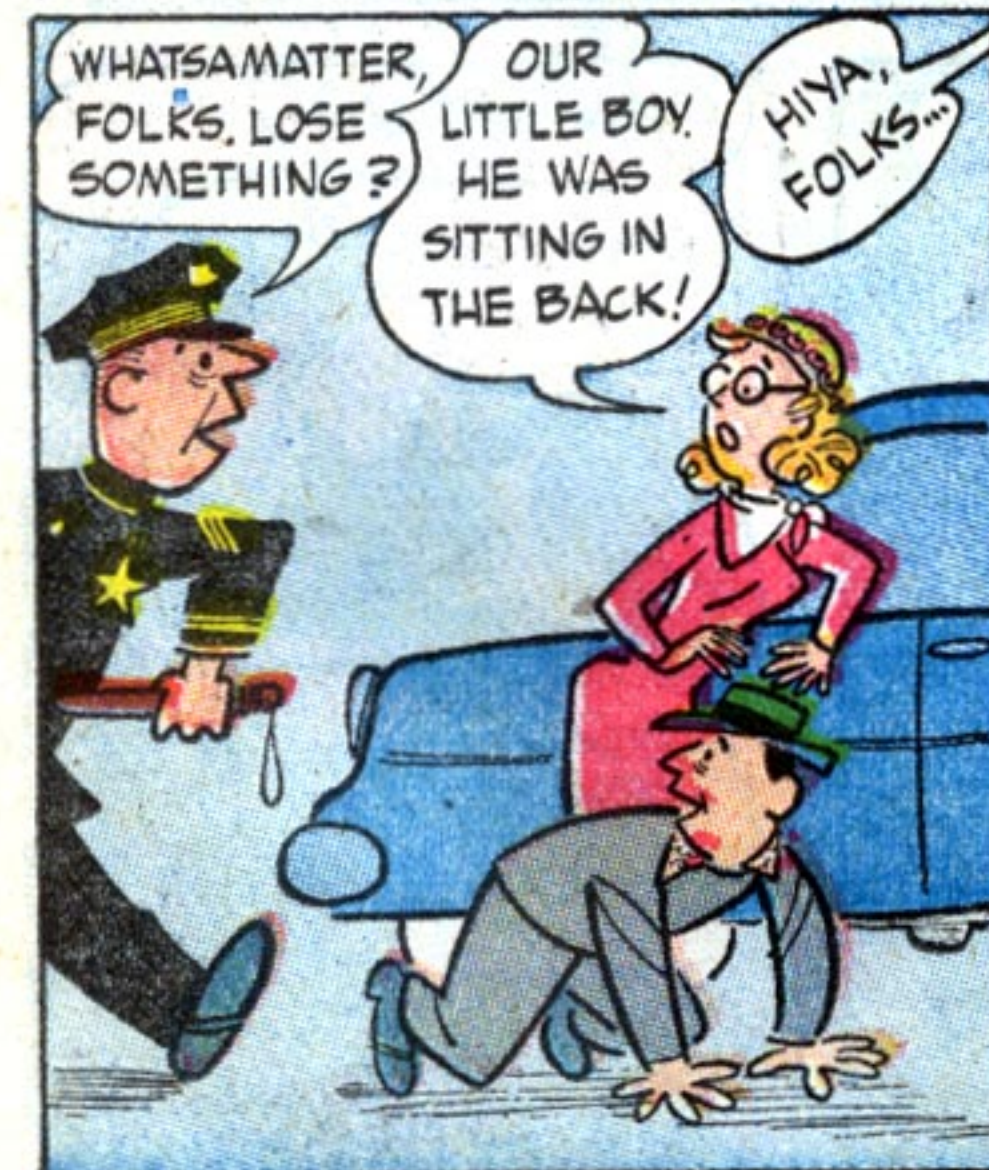
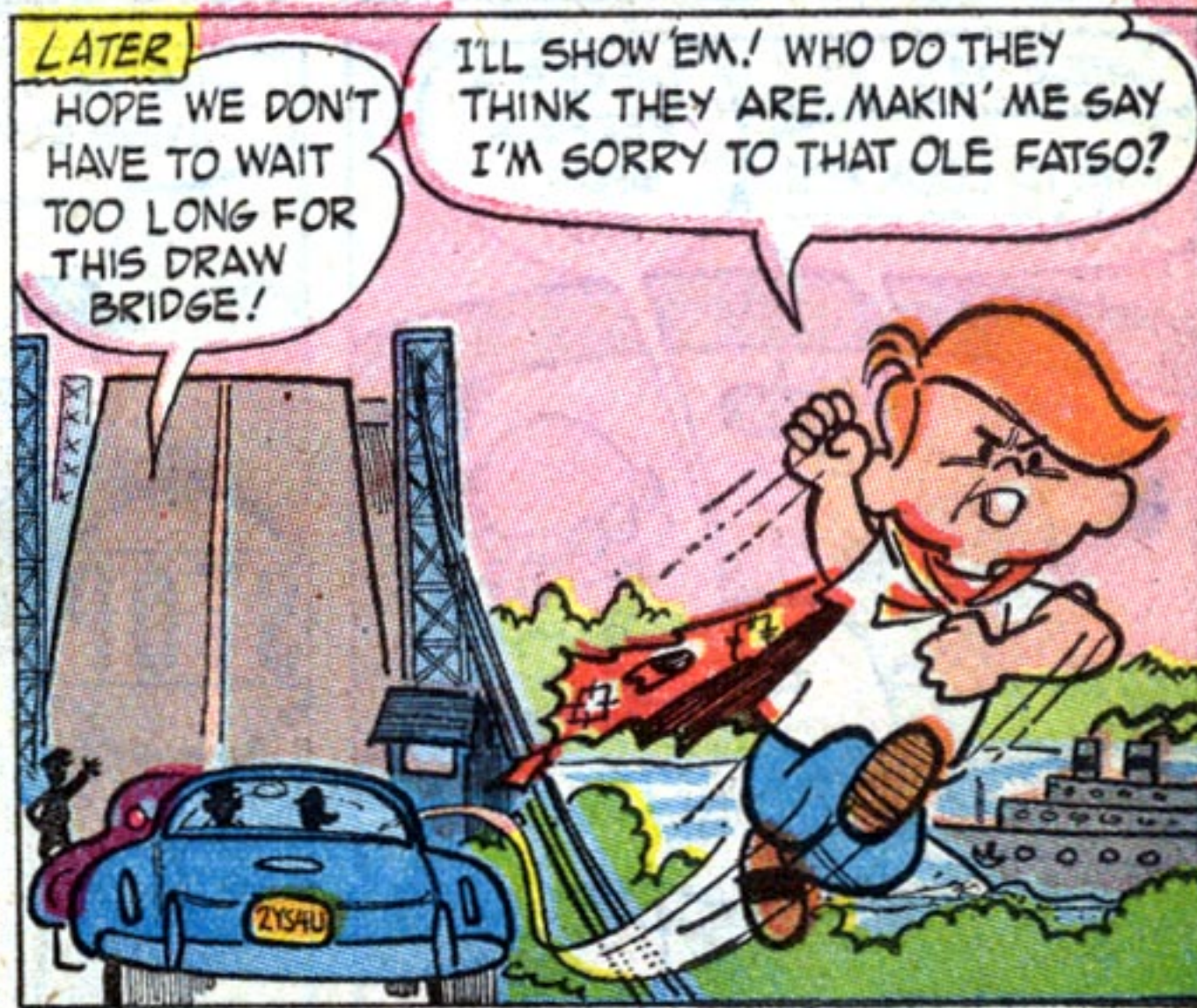
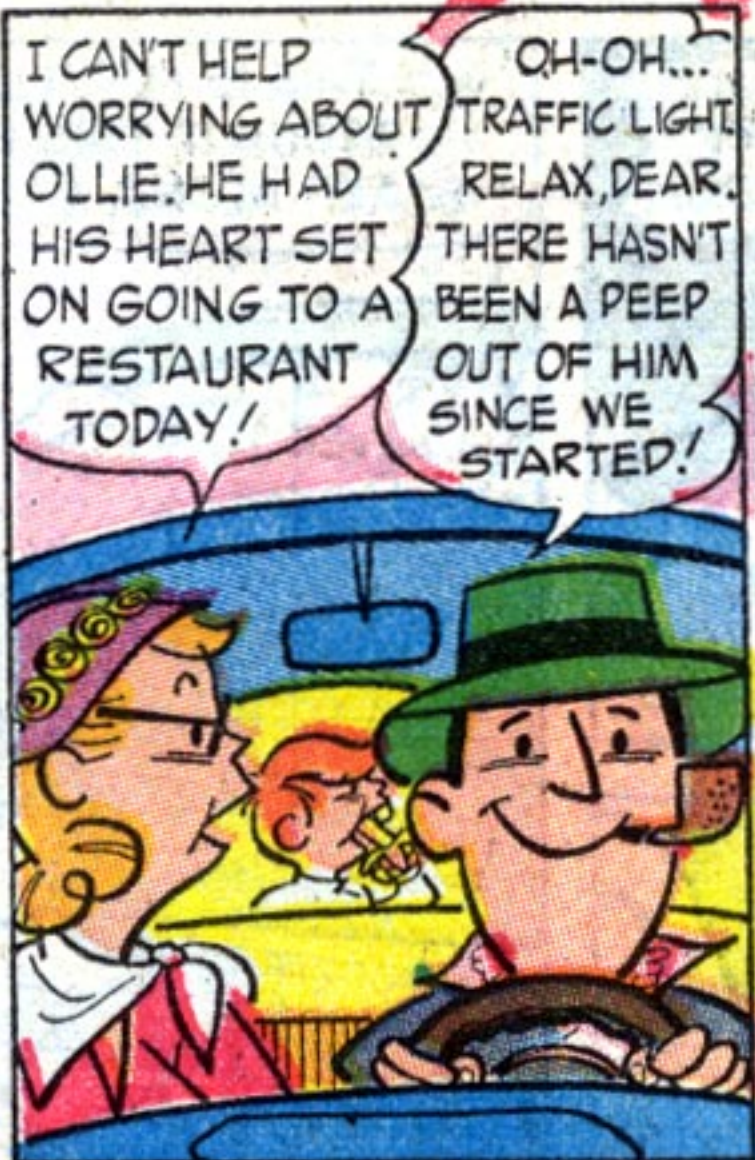
7. I FEEL WONDERFUL! **EXERCISE**
—THAT'S WHAT I NEEDED ALL
THE TIME! NOTHING LIKE A GOOD
RUN TO TONE A MAN
UP.

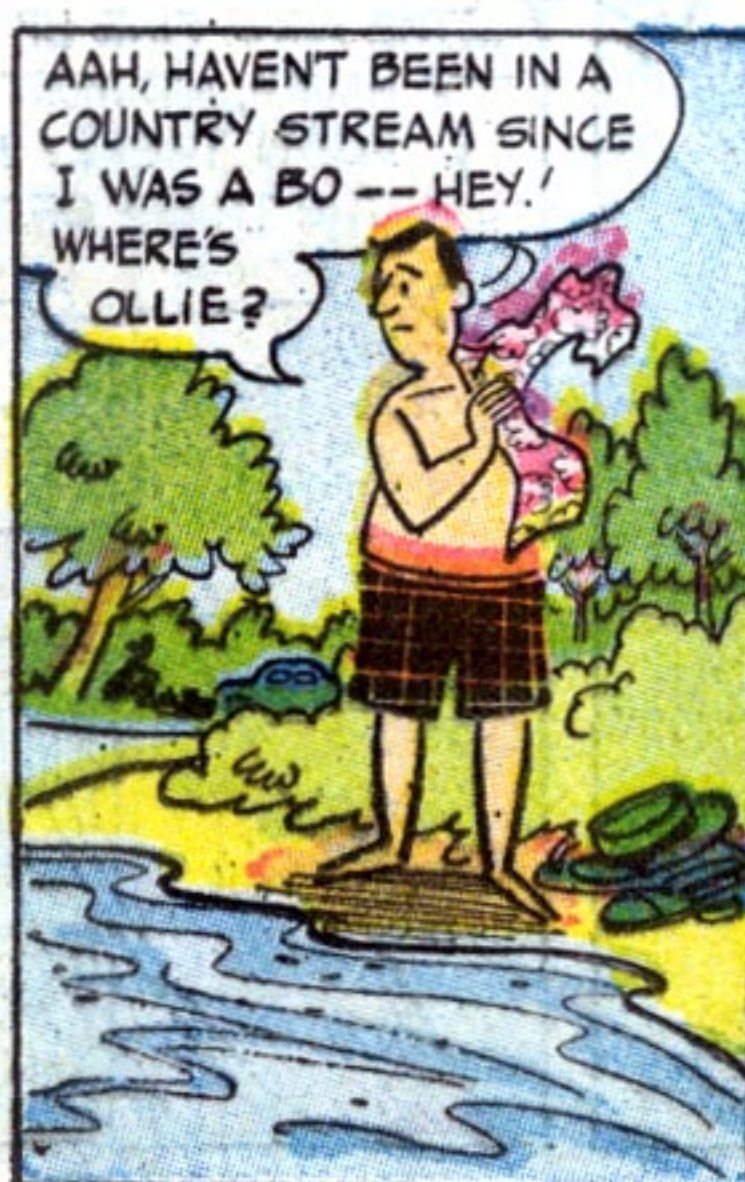
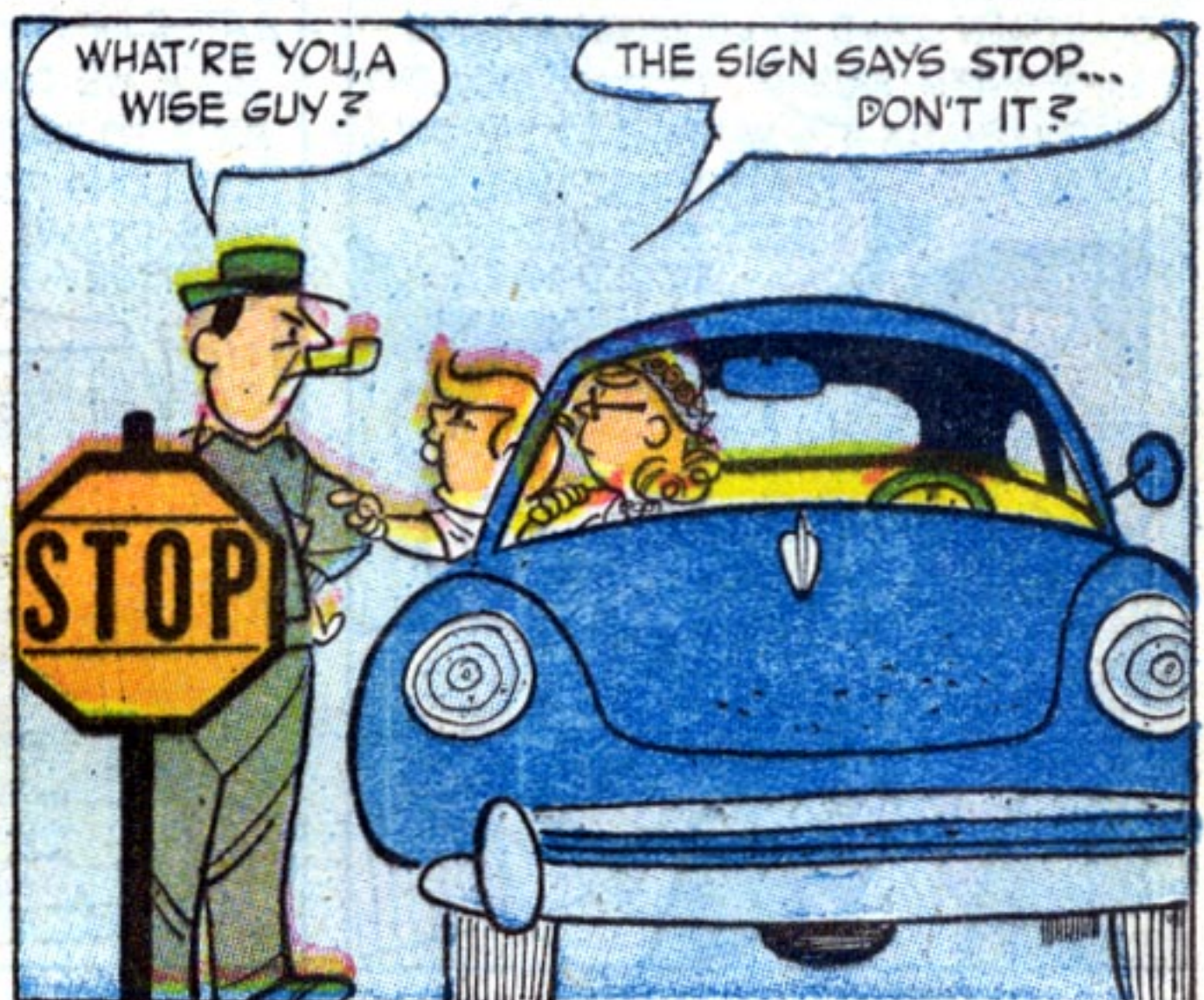
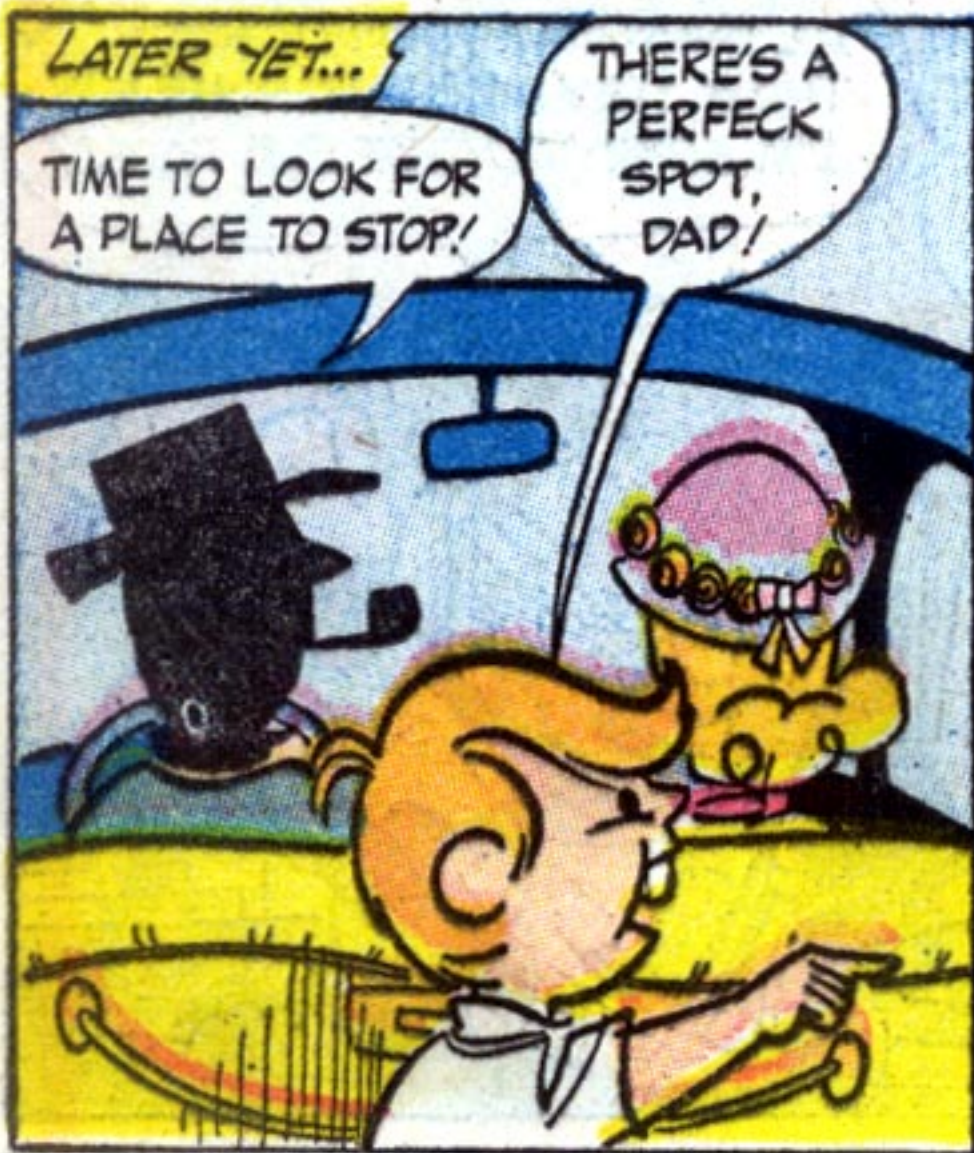
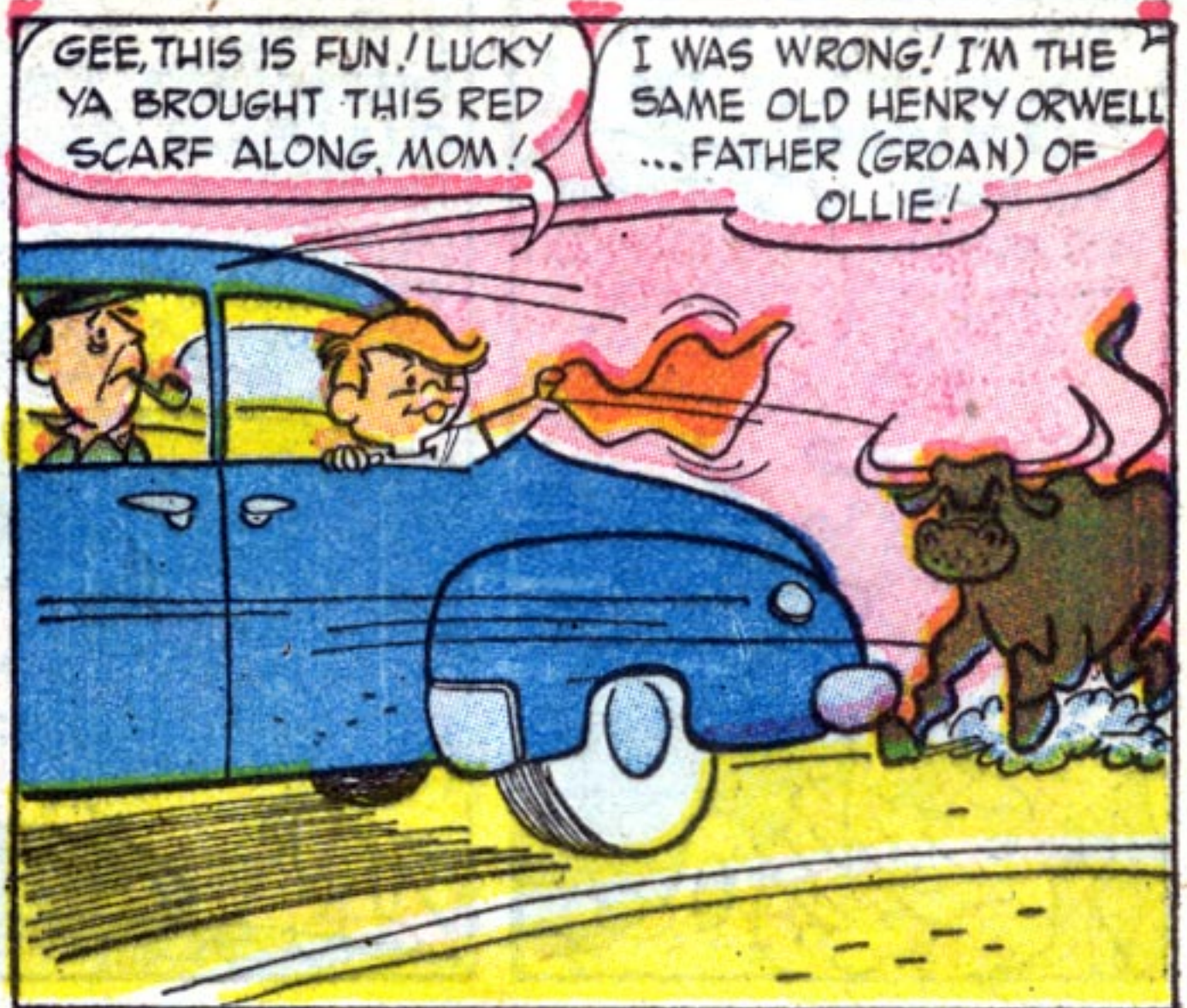
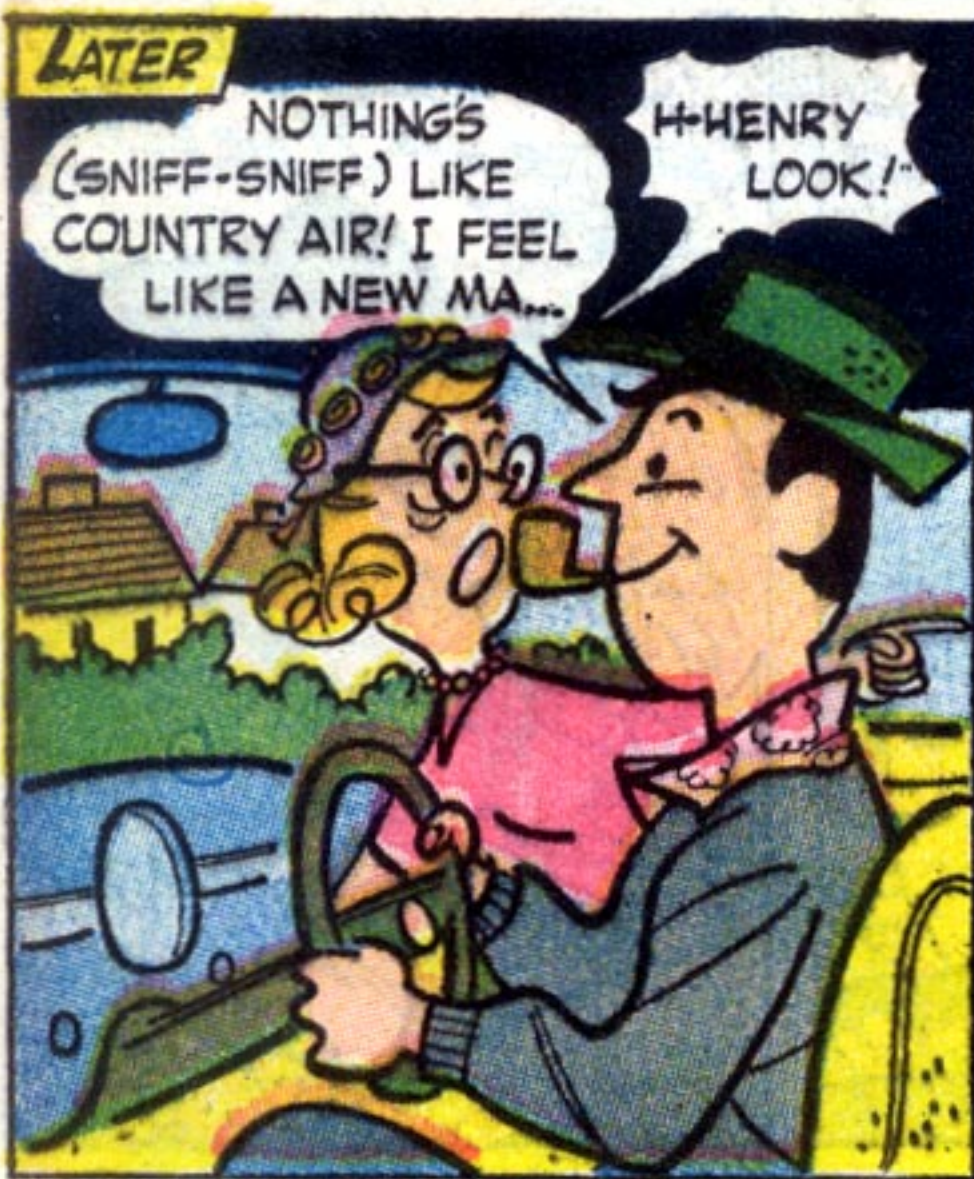


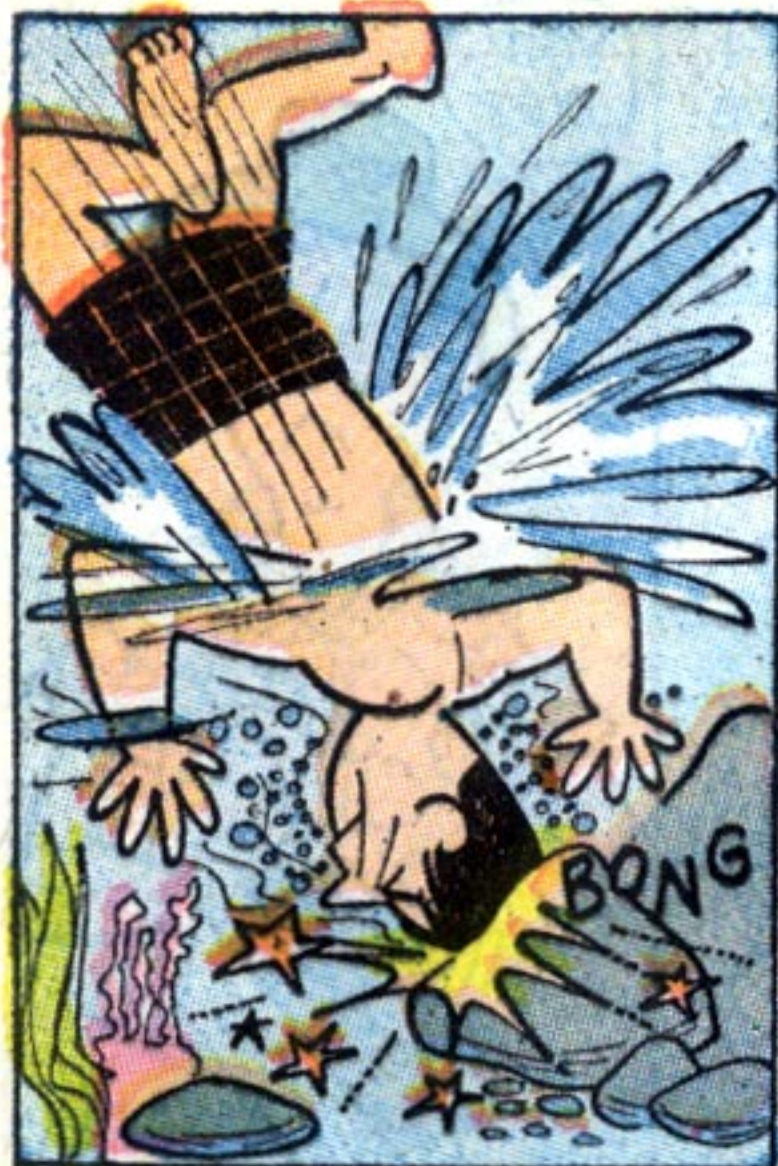
LOOKA THIS OLE FASHIONED GUN THOSE
INJUNS WERE USIN'! NO WONDER WE BEAT
'EM EVERY TIME!



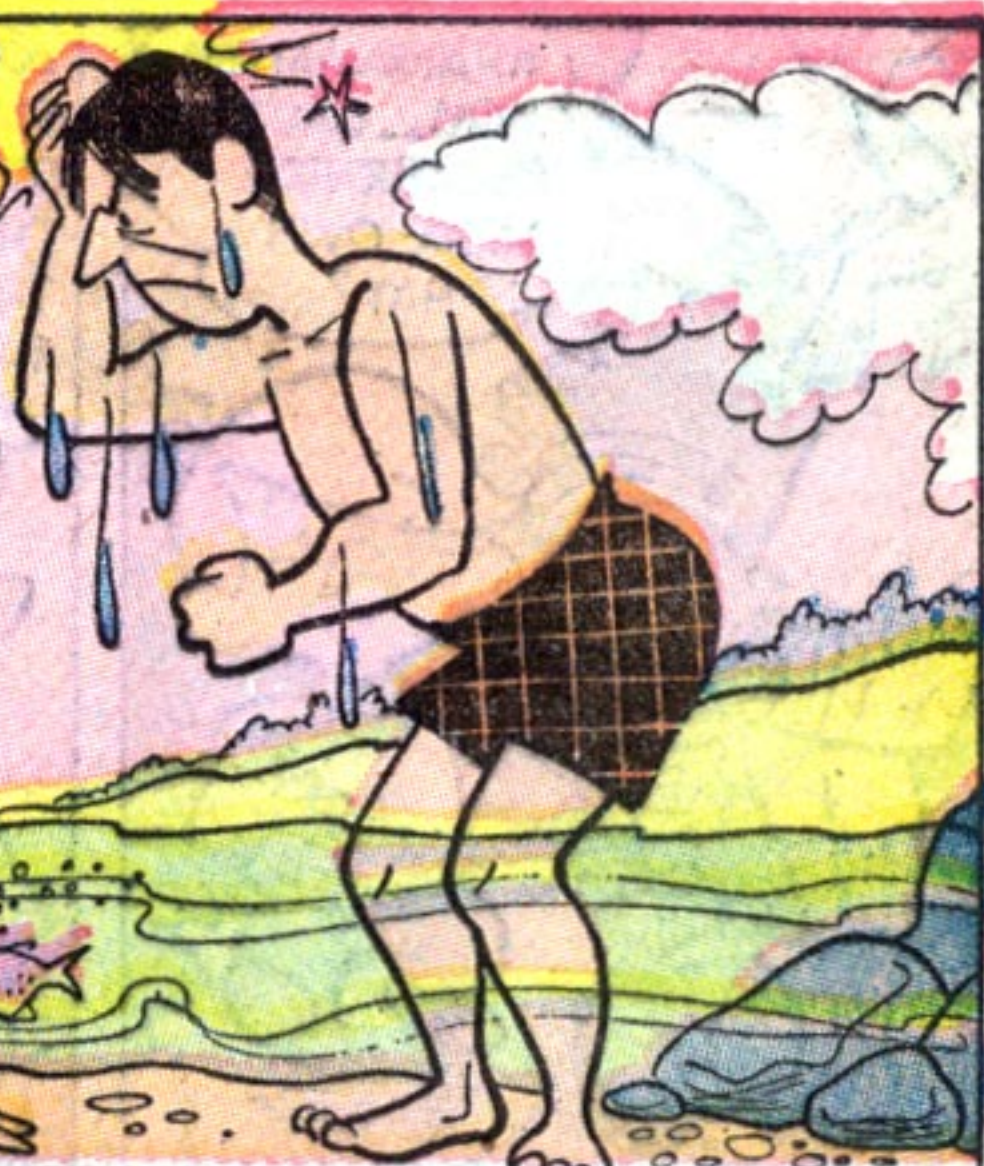
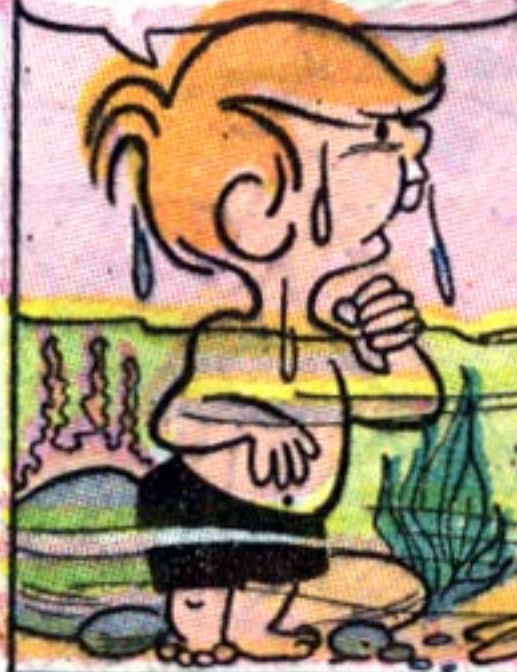








AIN'T YA PROUD OF ME, DAD? I BET YA NEVER THOUGHT I COULD KEEP MY HEAD UNDER WATER SO LONG--DID YA?



MAYBE I'LL BE SAFER TRYING TO CATCH A FISH...



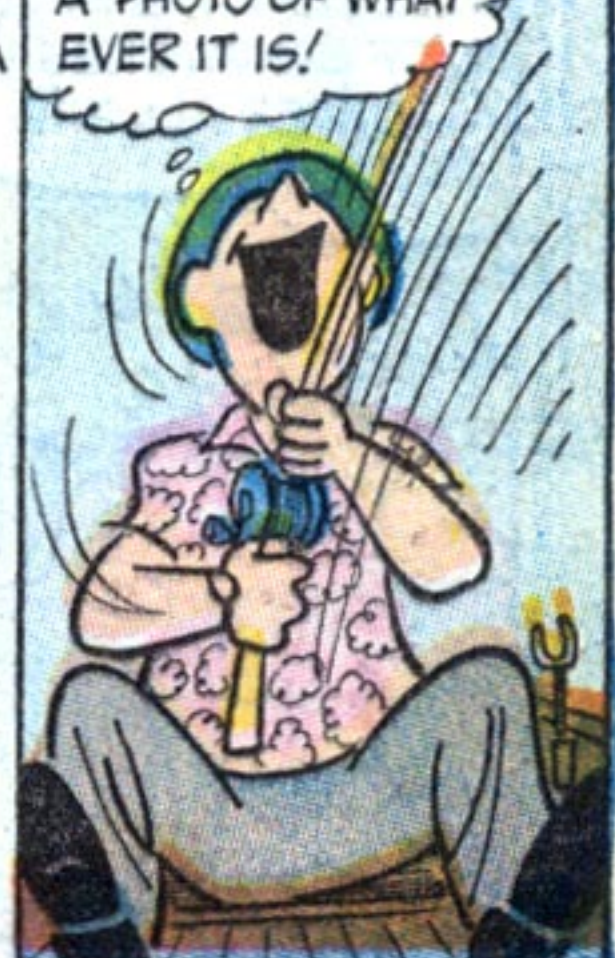
HEY! SOMETHING PULLING ON MY LINE!



WOW! FEELS LIKE A FORTY POUNDER AT LEAST!

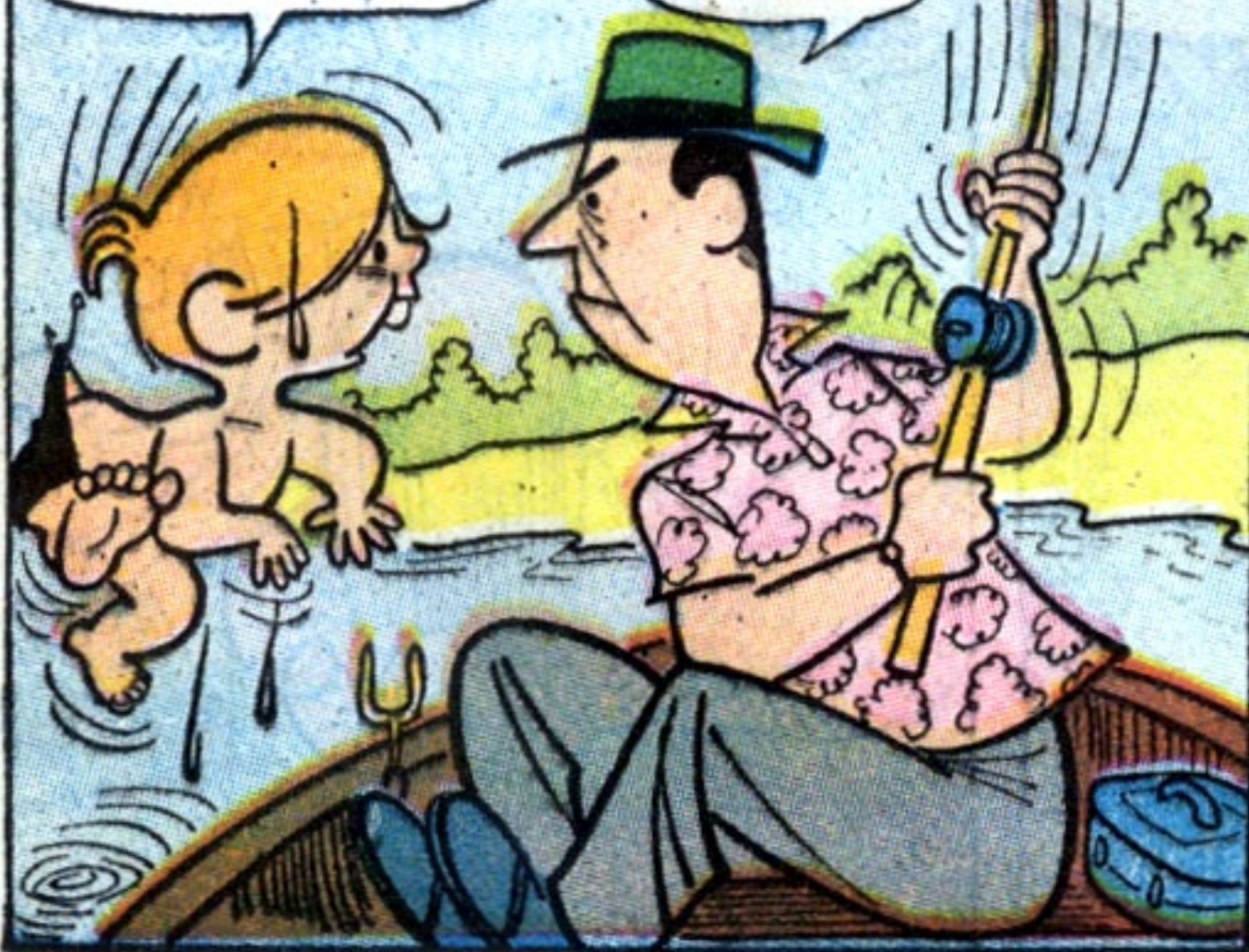


WAIT TILL THE GUYS AT THE OFFICE SEE A PHOTO OF WHAT EVER IT IS!



YIPPEEE!! THANKS FOR THE RIDE, DAD!

I (GROAN) GIVE UP!



THEN WHILE THE MEN ARE RESTING, I MIGHT AS WELL PICK SOME... AIEE! WHAT'S THAT?





WHATSAMATTER, MOM... CAN'T YA RECKERNIZE YOUR OWN HAT?

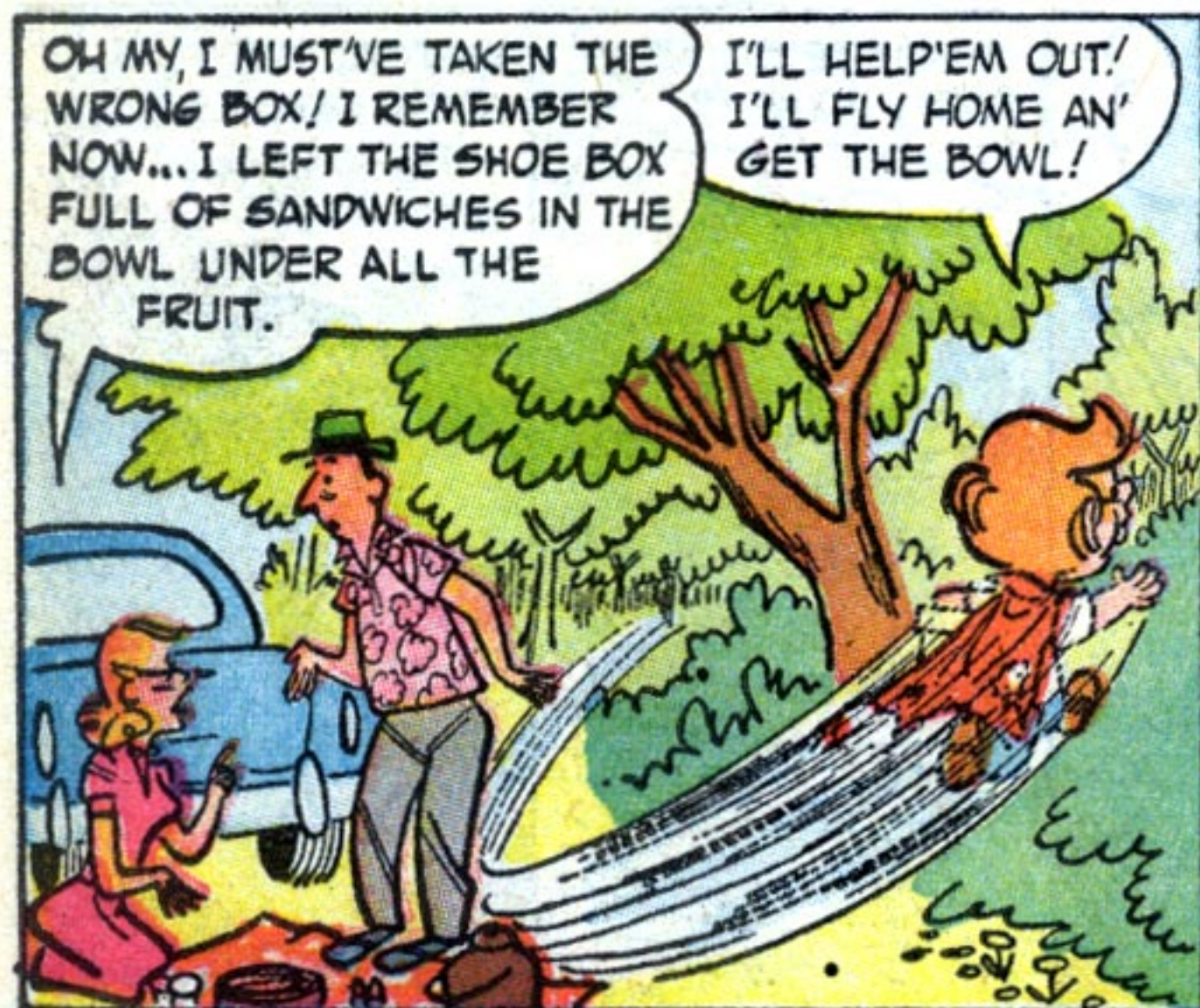


BOYBOY, AM I STARVED! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS COUNTRY AIR THAT SURE DOES WHET THE APPETITE!

JUST OPEN THAT SHOE BOX, DEAR, I PACKED EVERYTHING IN IT!



YOU DID?



OH MY, I MUST'VE TAKEN THE WRONG BOX! I REMEMBER NOW... I LEFT THE SHOE BOX FULL OF SANDWICHES IN THE BOWL UNDER ALL THE FRUIT.

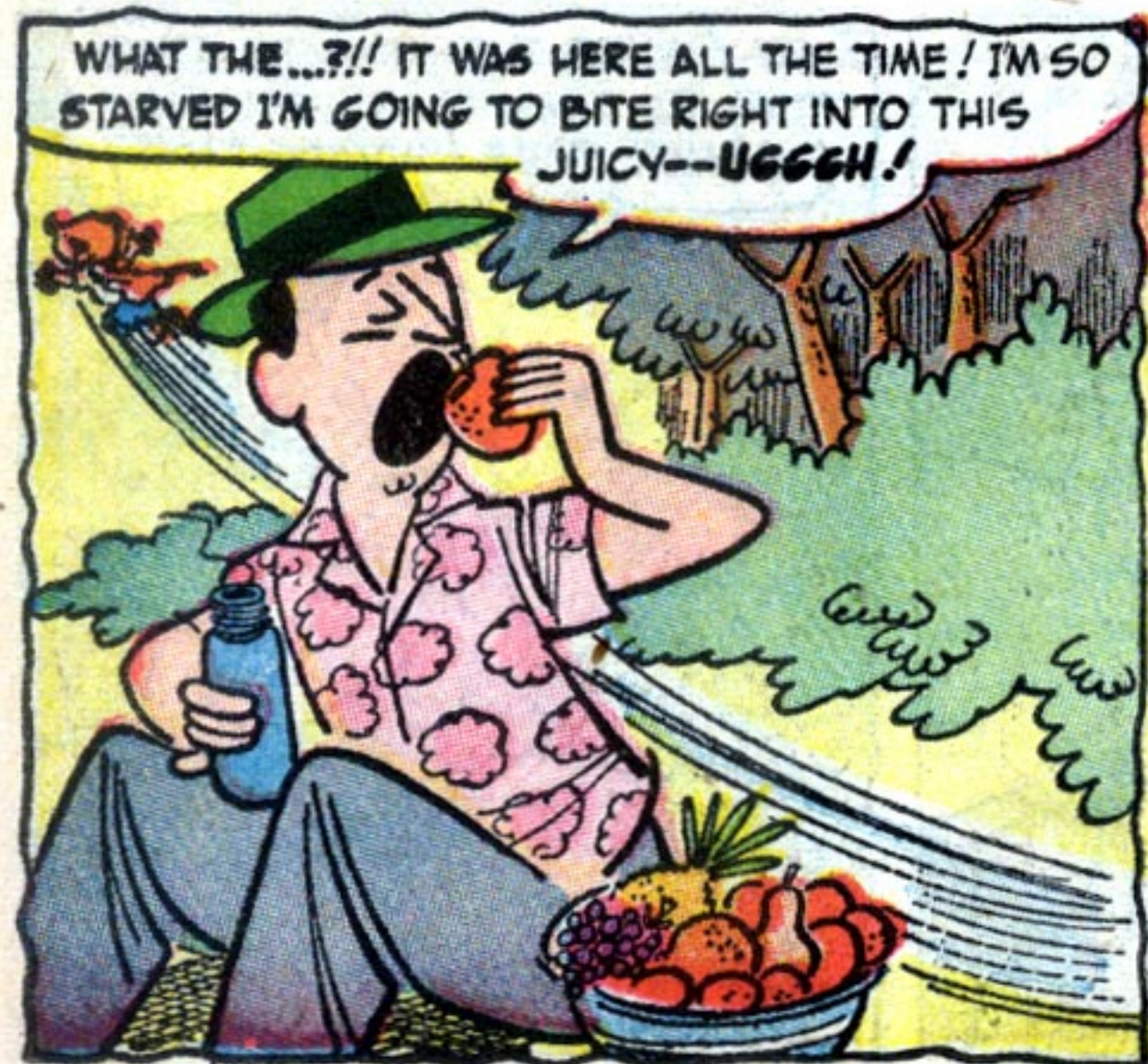
I'LL HELP'EM OUT! I'LL FLY HOME AN' GET THE BOWL!



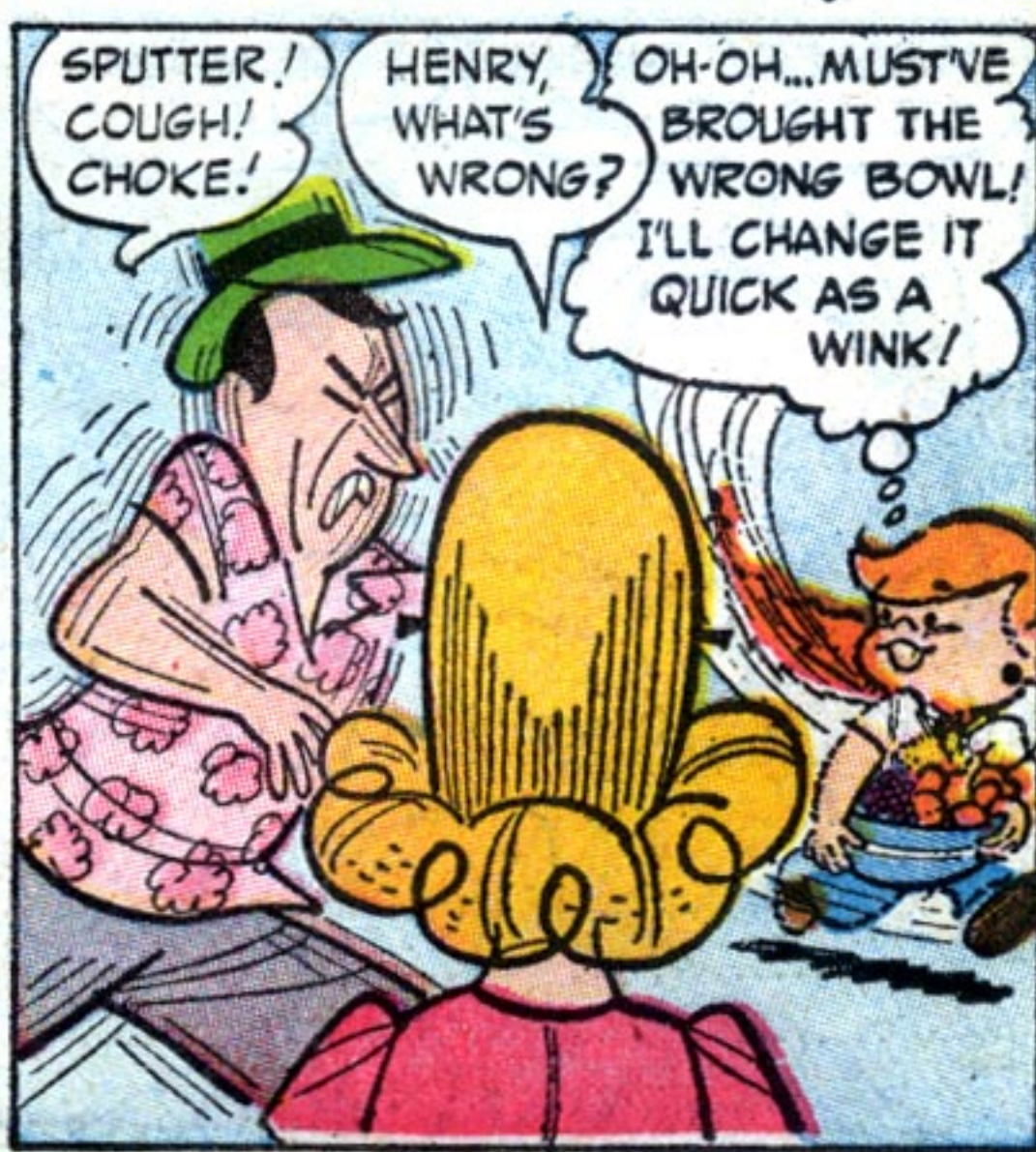
BUT THERE ARE TWO BOWLS... THE ONE MRS. ORWELL IS THINKING OF, AND ANOTHER ONE FULL OF WAX-FRUIT!

IT FEELS GOOD TO DO THE FOLKS A GOOD TURN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

GUESS WHICH BOWL SUPER-BRAT GRABS BY MISTAKE!!



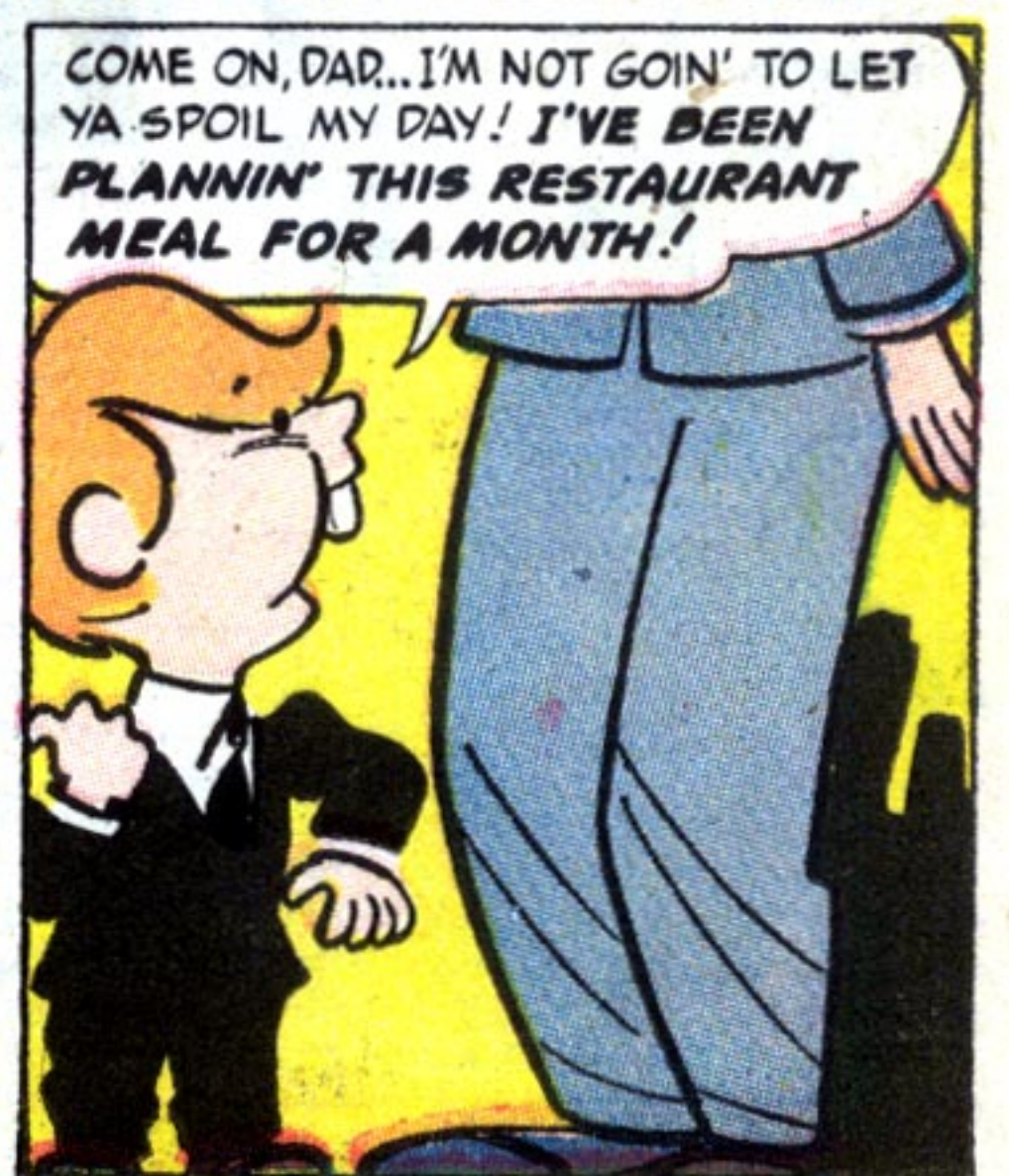
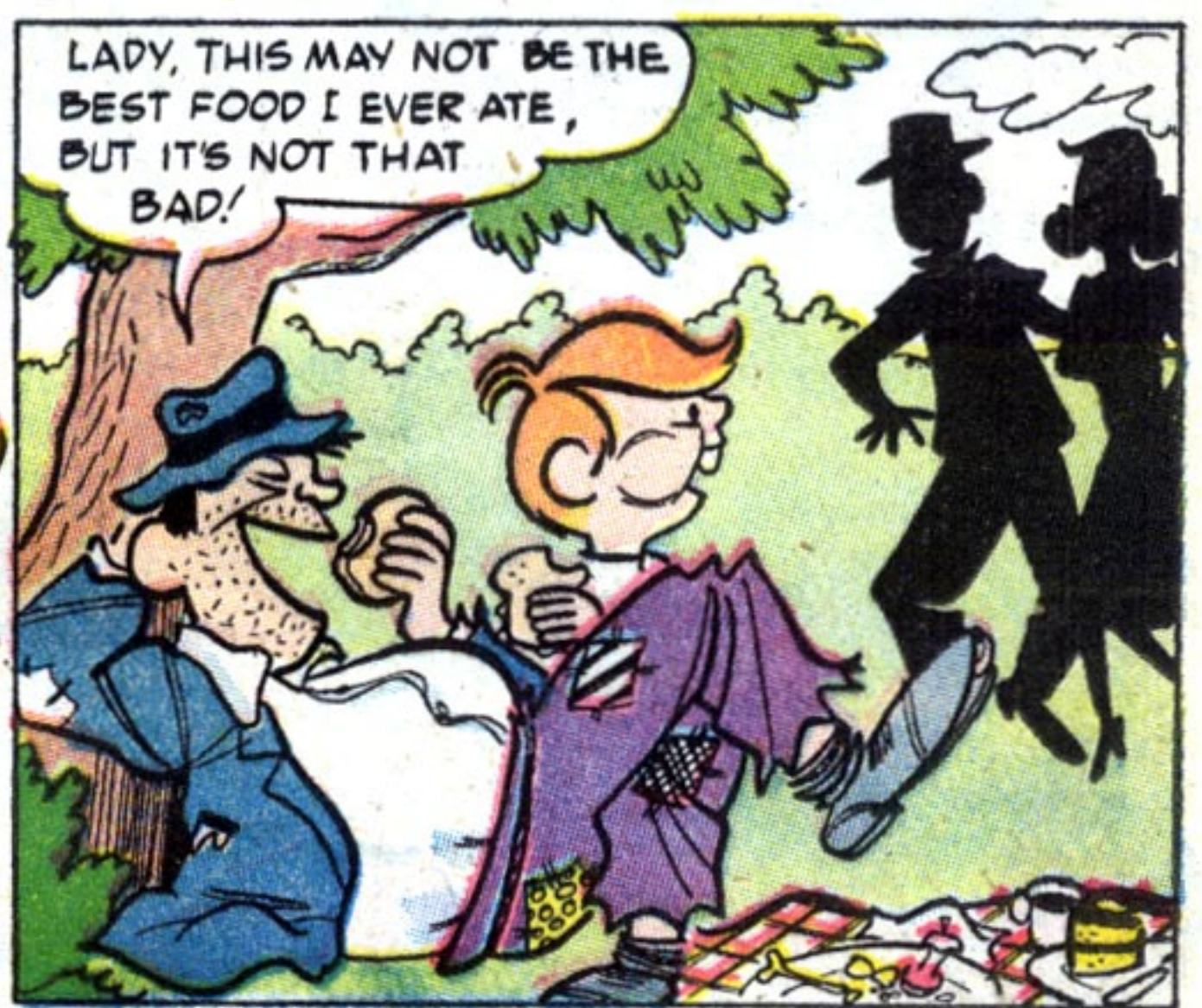
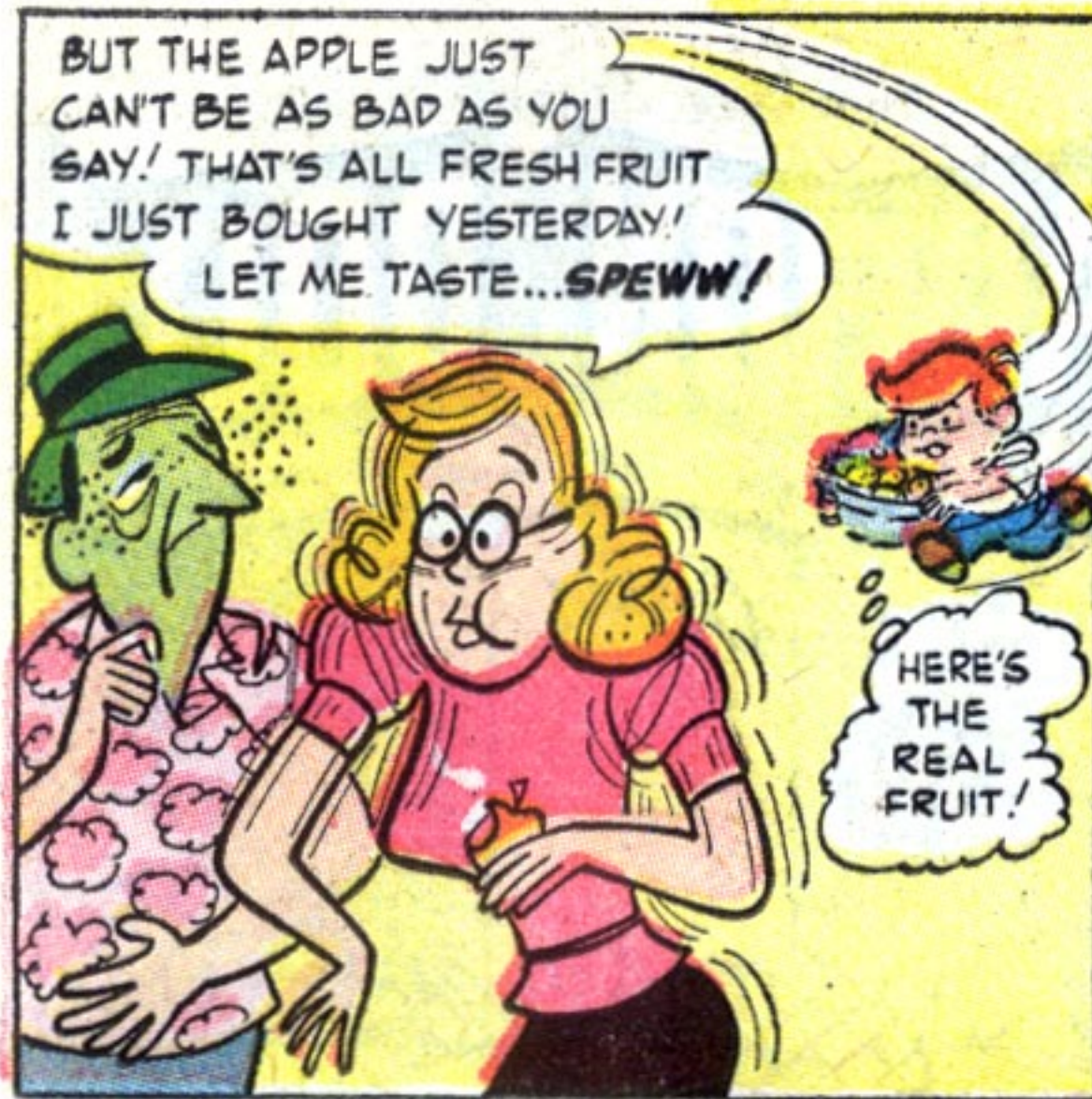
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SPUTTER! COUGH! CHOKES!

HENRY, WHAT'S WRONG?

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ING JUDGES DOWN HERE TO GIVE
A PRIZE FOR THE MOST BEAUTI-
FUL HOUSE EXTERIOR? OF COURSE,
I'M GOING TO GET A PAINT JOB!
OH...OH... THERE'S THE DOORBELL
NOW...



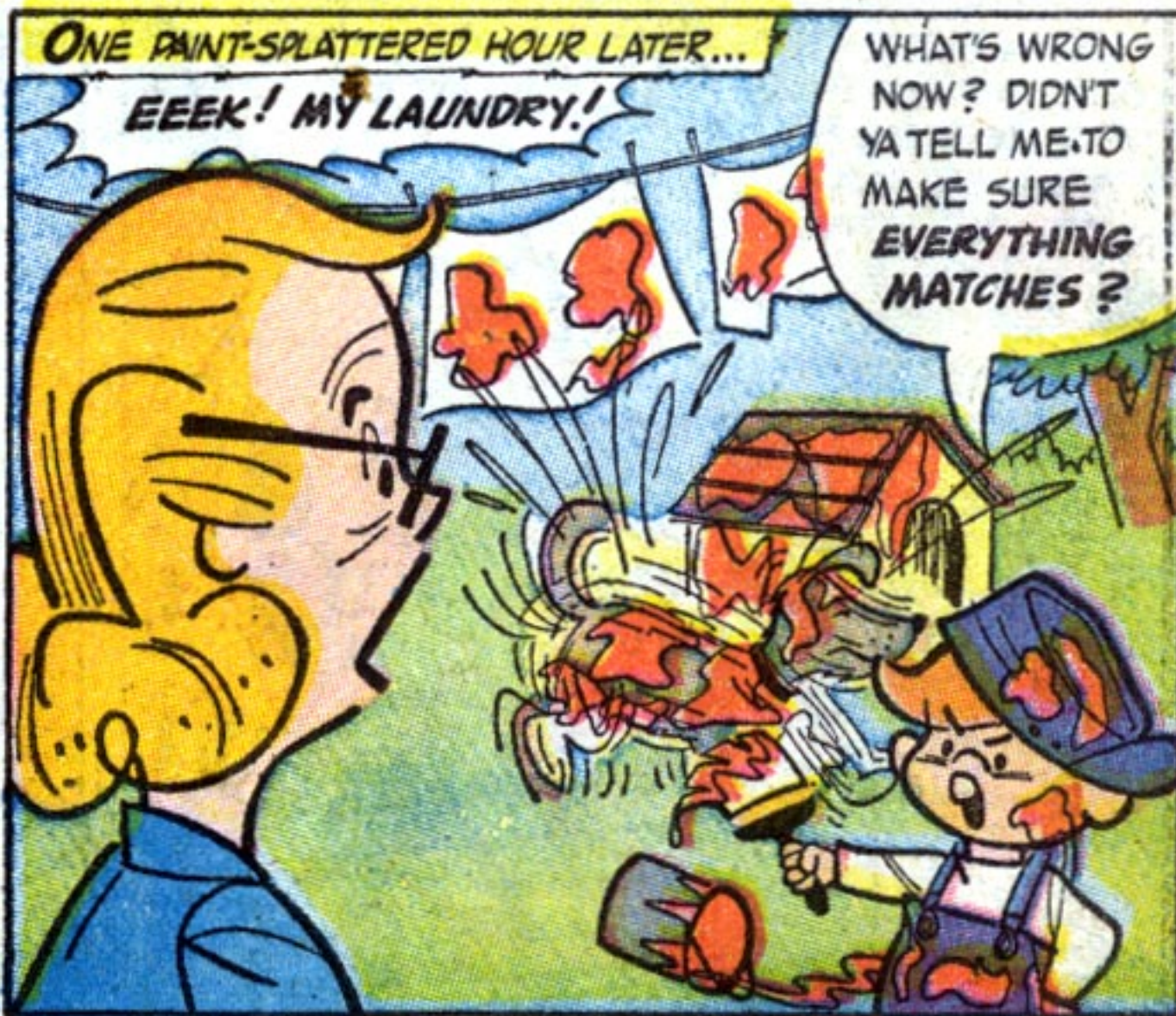
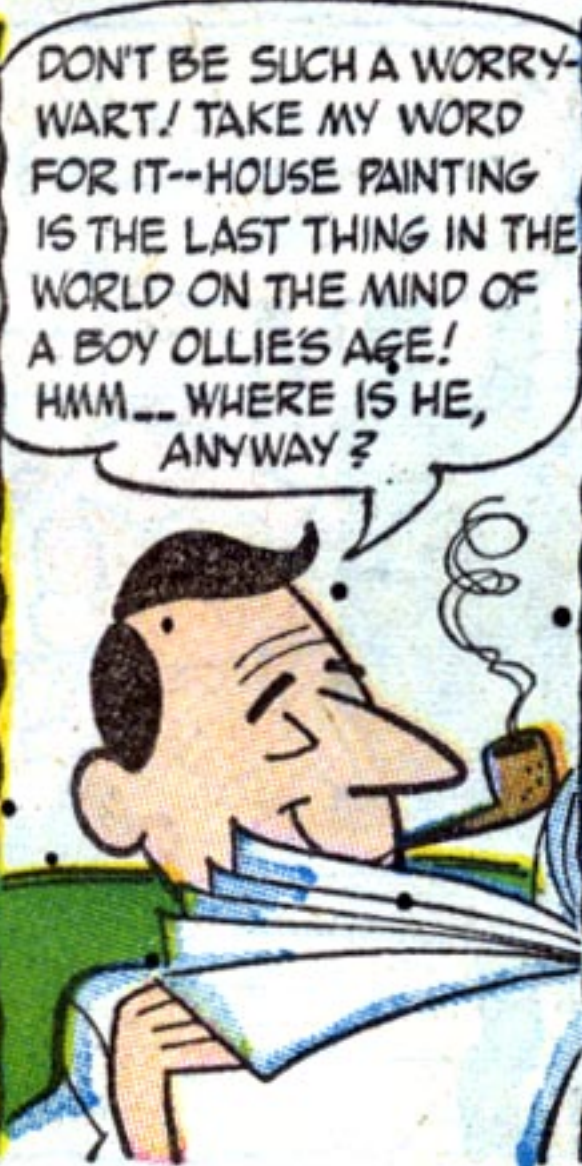
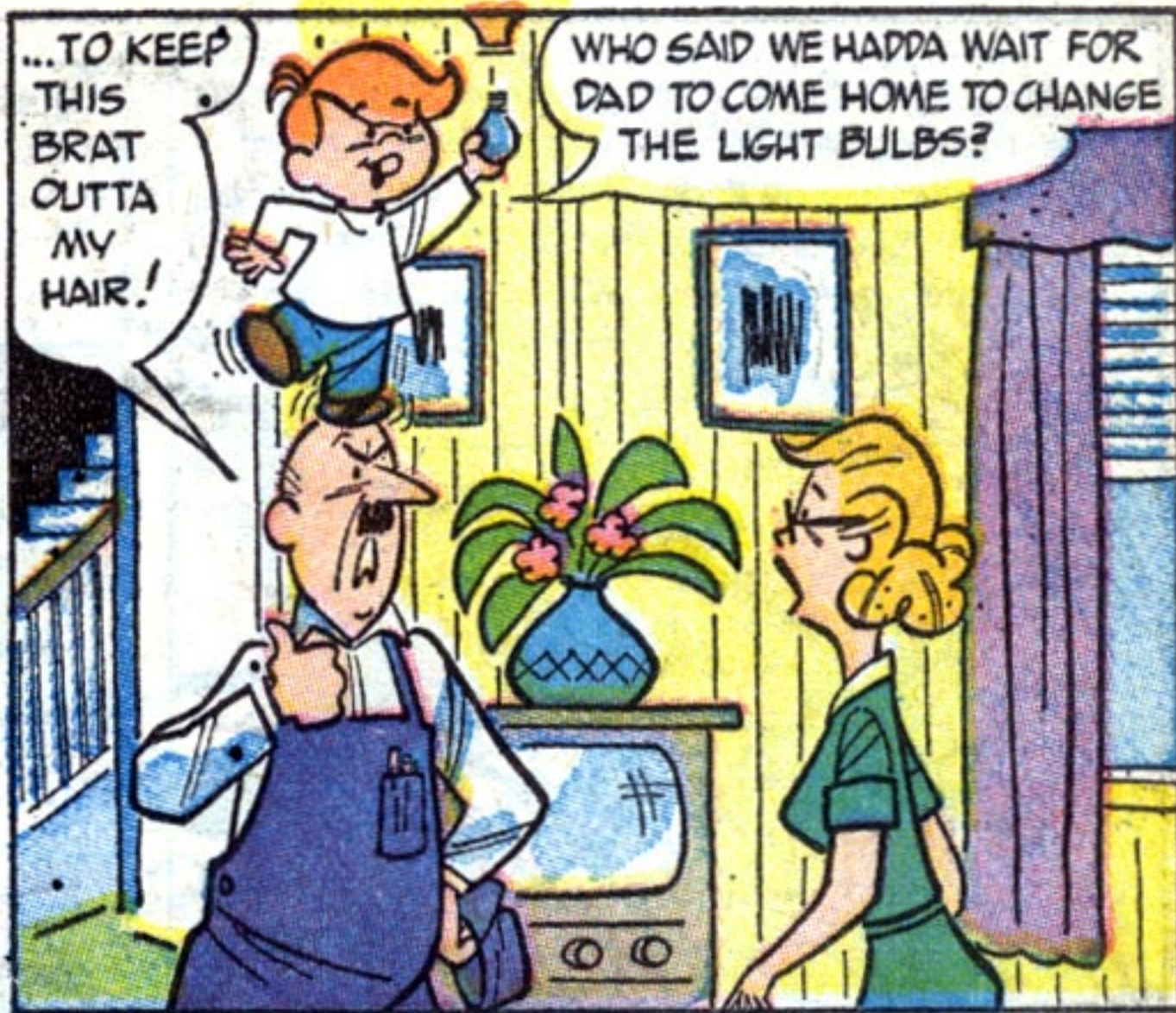
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HOUSE PAINTER OVER TO GIVE AN
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NOW...

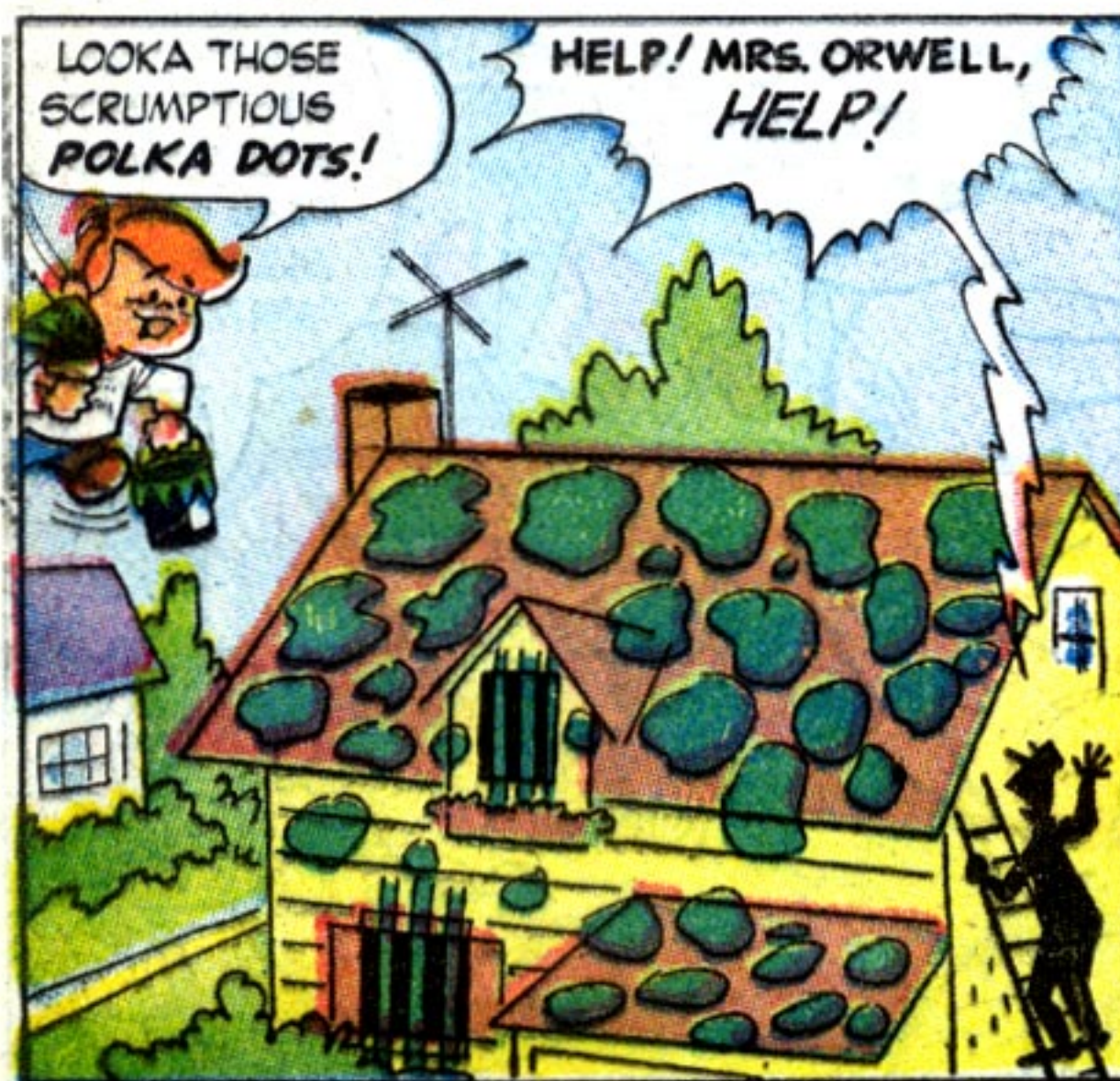
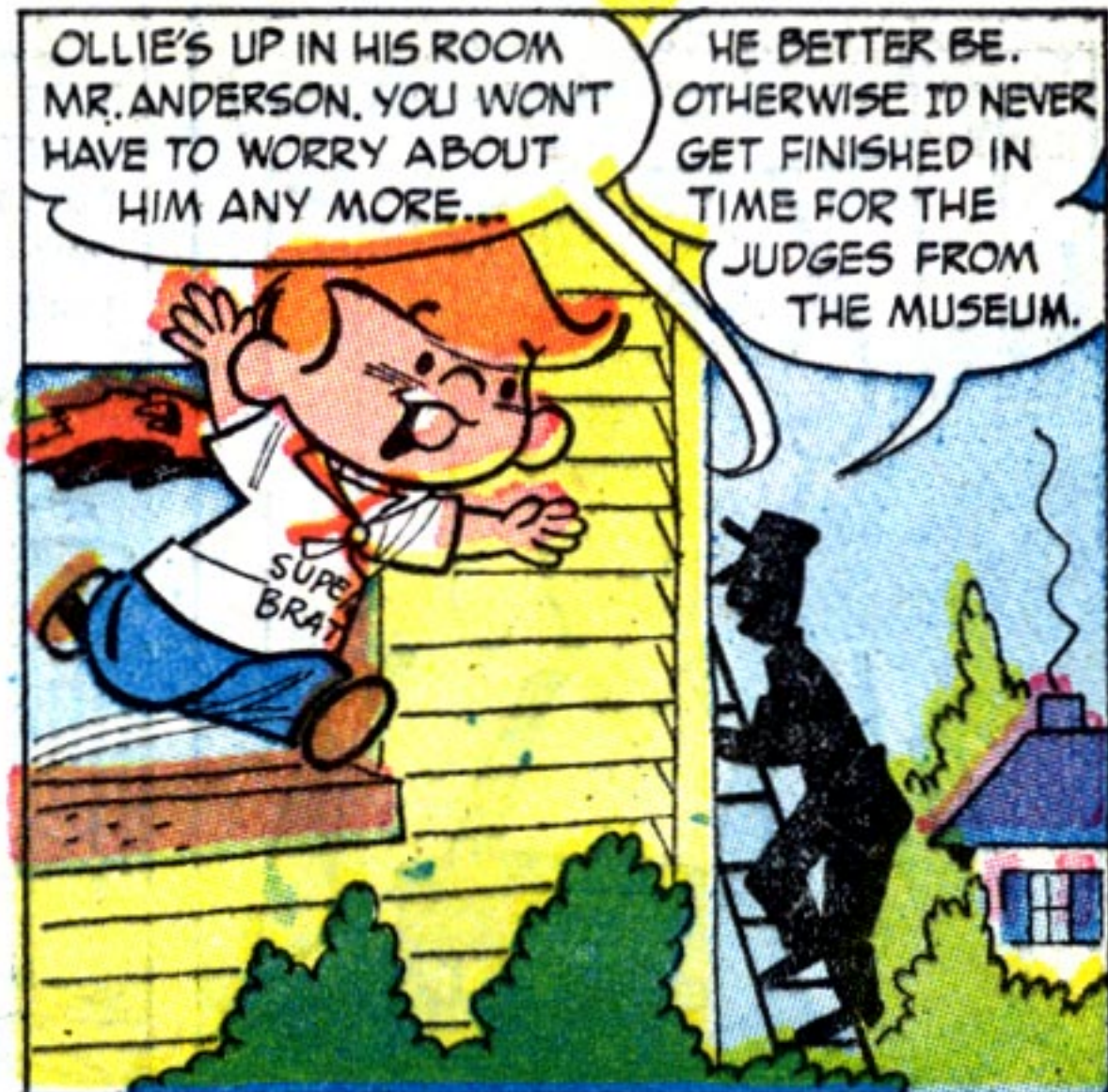
OLLIE! WHY DID YOU DO
THAT TO THE NICE MAN?



WHY DID HE SAY HE CAME TO GIVE
A **ROUGH** ESTIMATE, IF HE
DIDN'T WANNA
FIGHT?







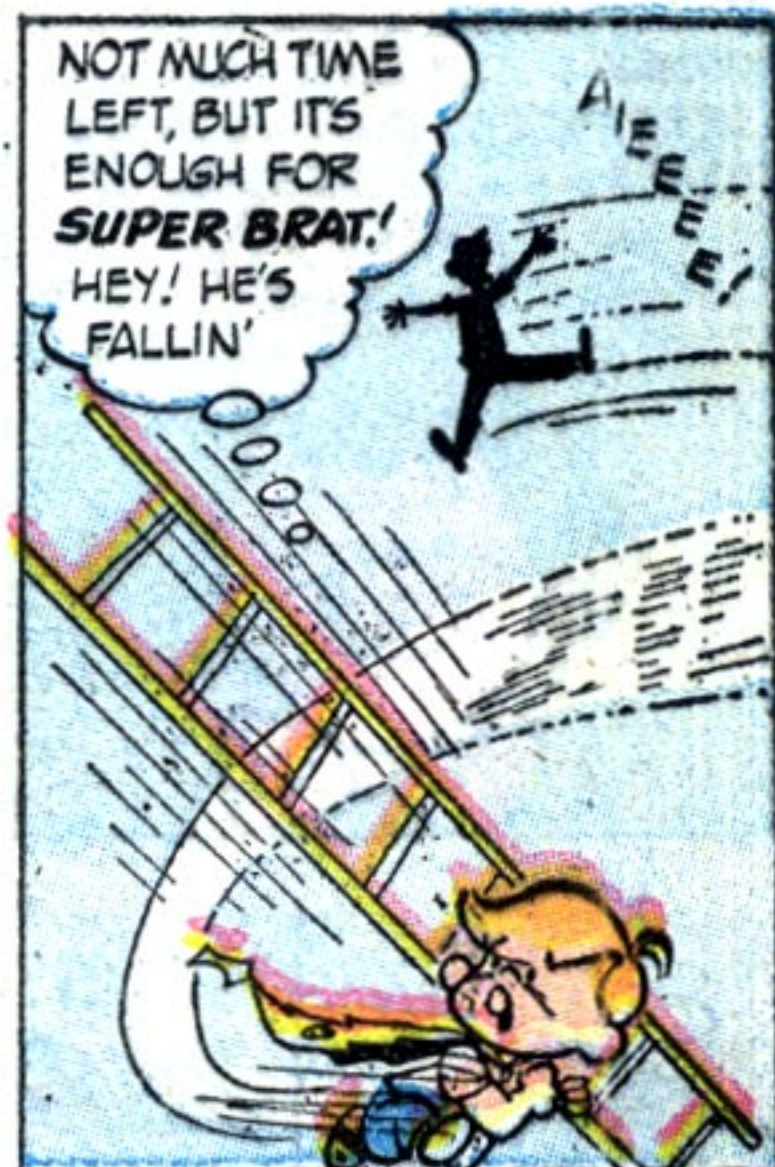


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CYCLONE!
TORNADO!
HELP!

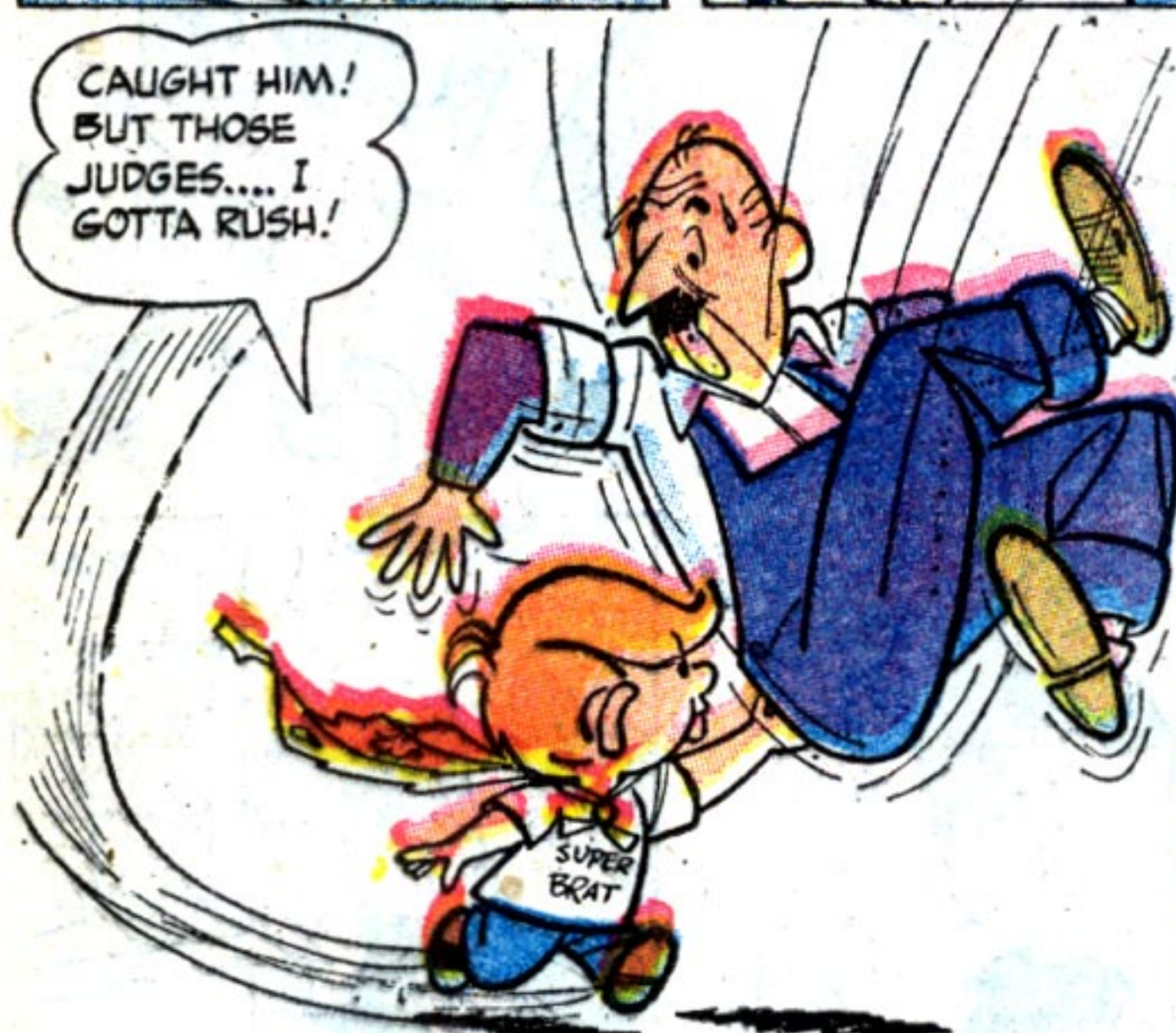
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YELLIN' FOR?
I'M NOT IN
YOUR HAIR
AM I?



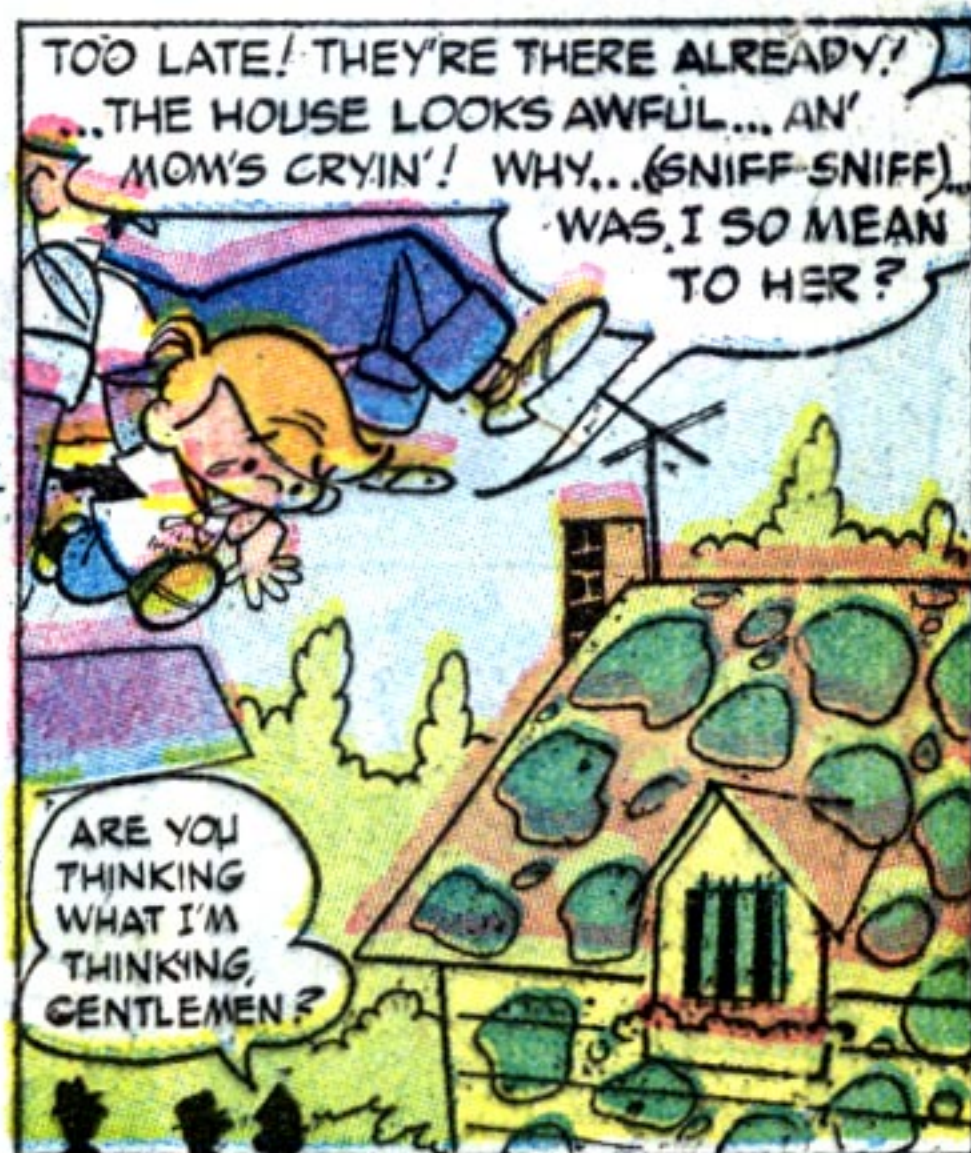
BUT THEN... GEE, MY **SUPER
VISION** TELLS ME
THOSE OLE JUDGES ARE COMIN'!
AN' MOM DID HAVE HER HEART
SET ON WINNIN' THAT PRIZE!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO--I'LL
WHIZZ BACK AN' PAINT THE
HOUSE BEFORE THEY GET
THERE!



NOT MUCH TIME
LEFT, BUT IT'S
ENOUGH FOR
SUPER BRAT!
HEY! HE'S
FALLIN'

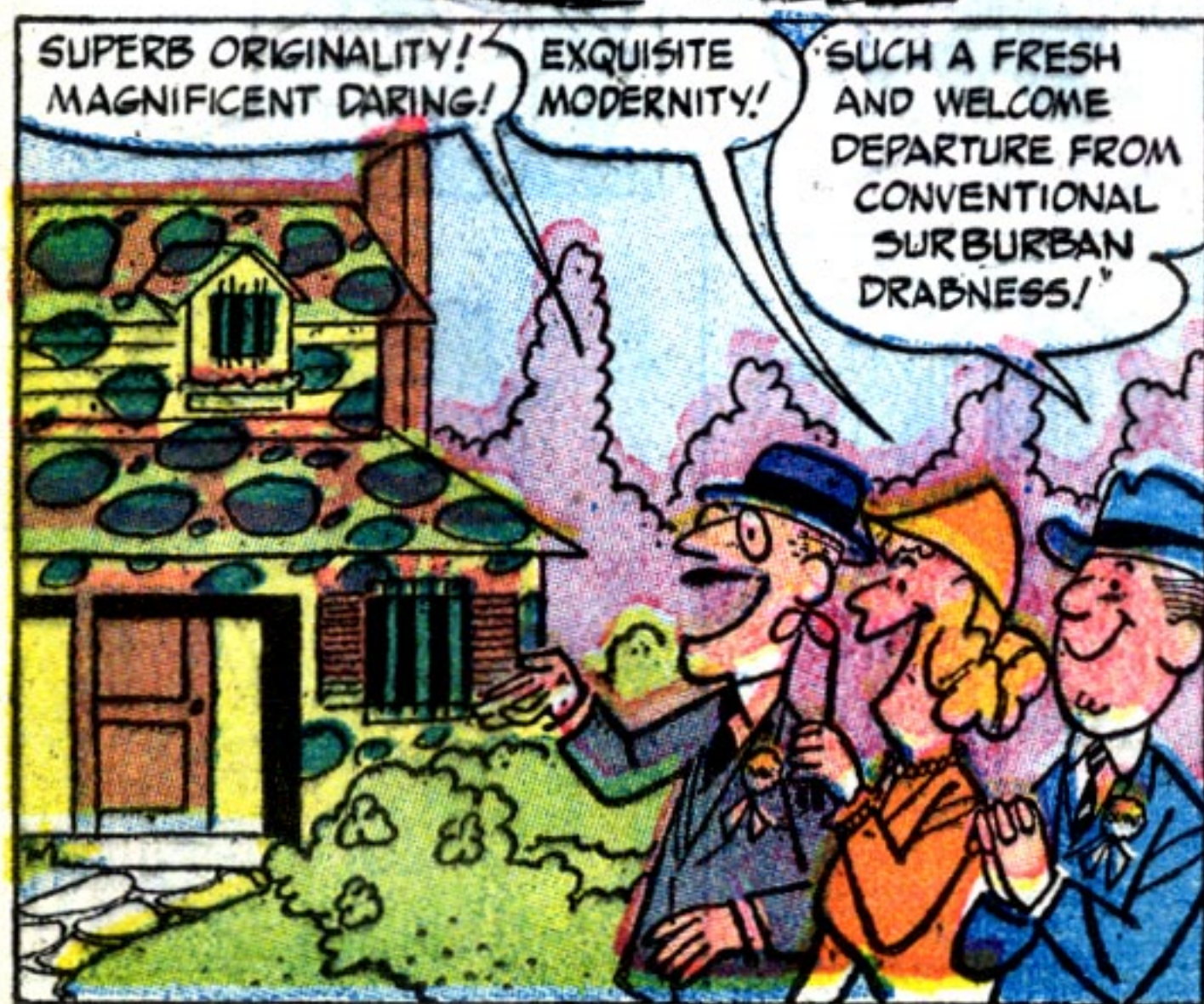


CAUGHT HIM!
BUT THOSE
JUDGES.... I
GOTTA RUSH!



TOO LATE! THEY'RE THERE ALREADY!
...THE HOUSE LOOKS AWFUL... AN'
MOM'S CRYIN'! WHY... (SNIFF SNIFF)...
WAS I SO MEAN
TO HER?

ARE YOU
THINKING
WHAT I'M
THINKING,
GENTLEMEN?



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'SUCH A FRESH
AND WELCOME
DEPARTURE FROM
CONVENTIONAL
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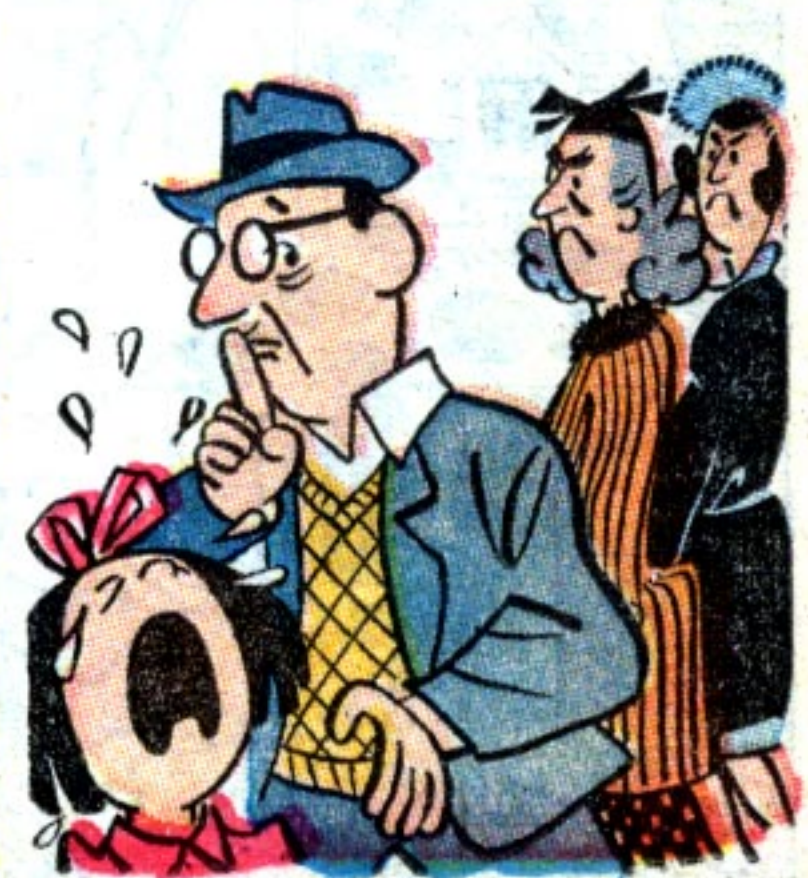
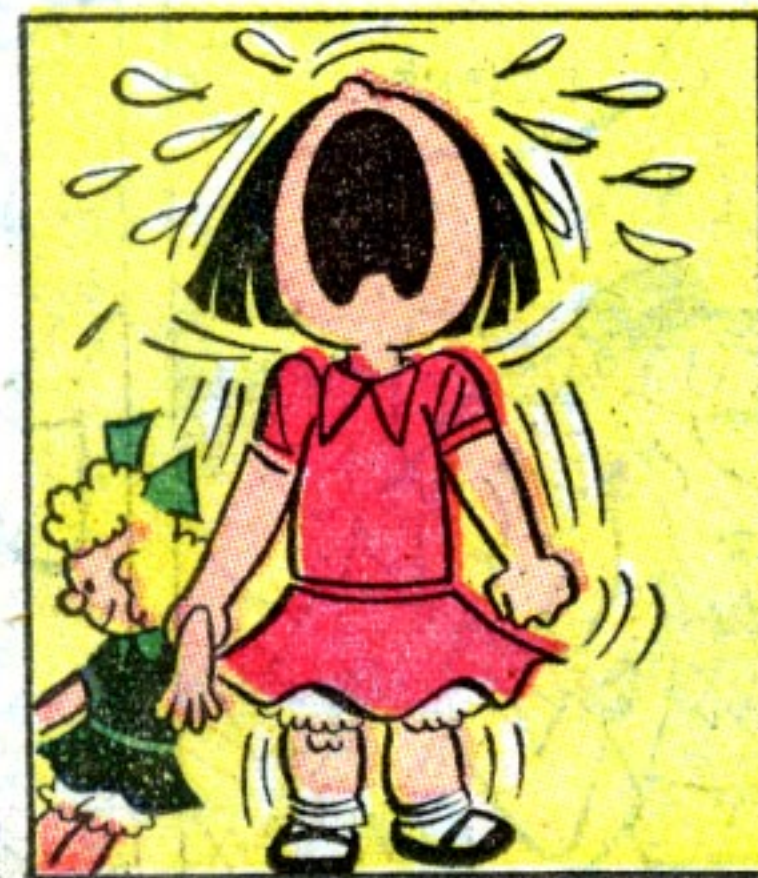
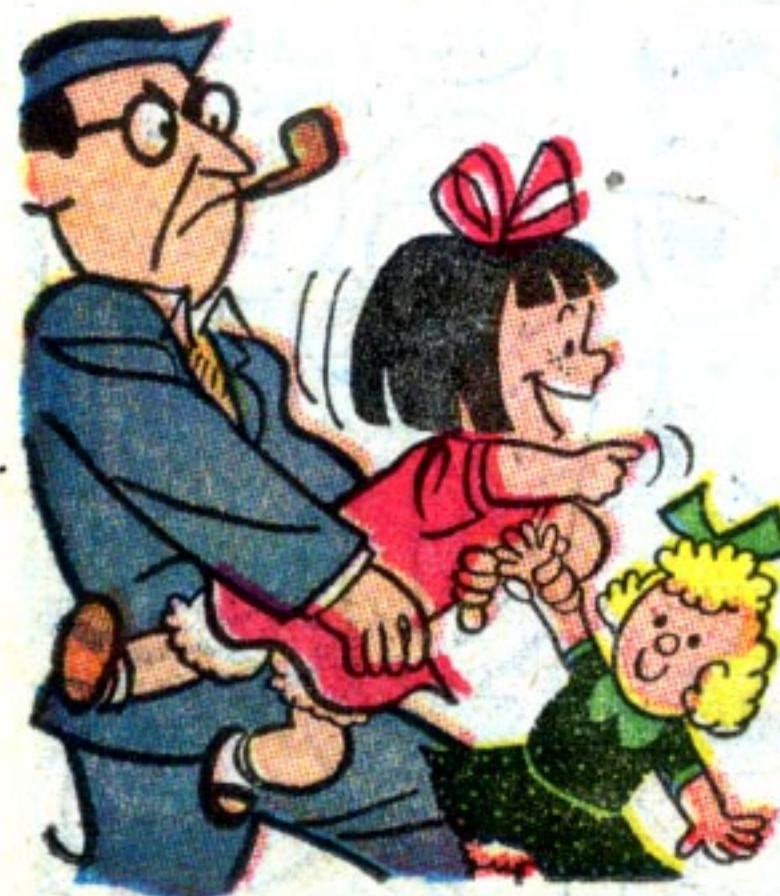
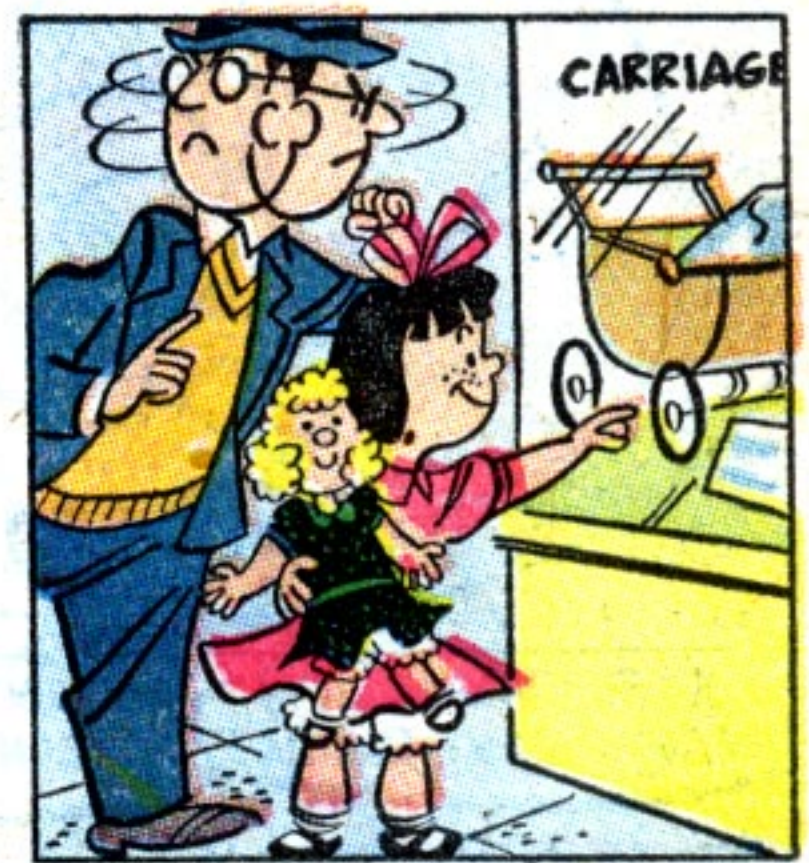
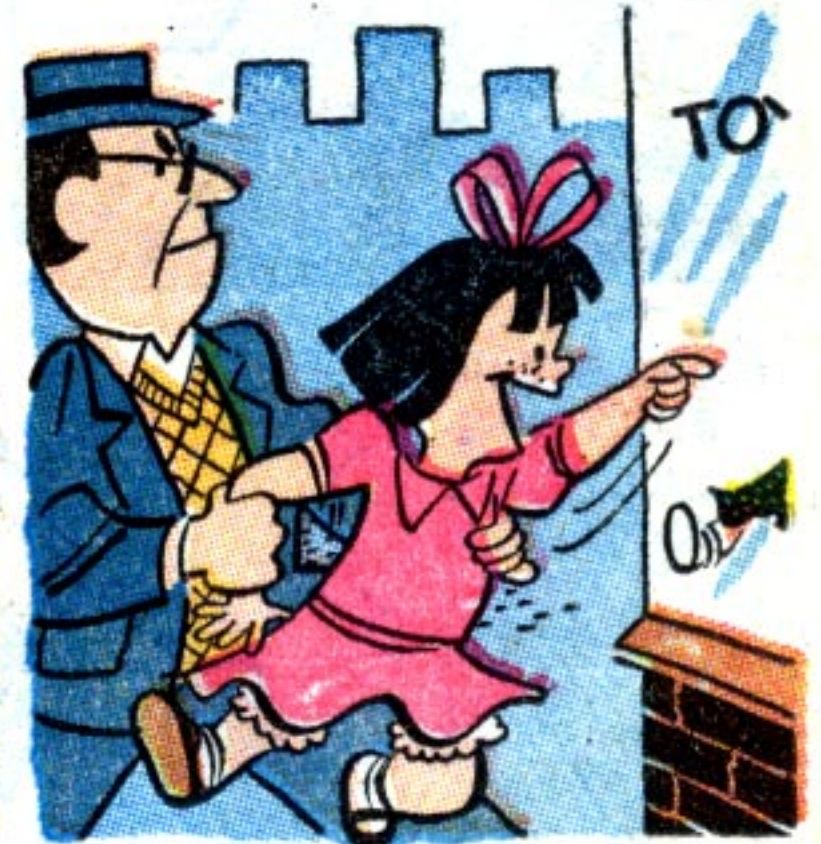


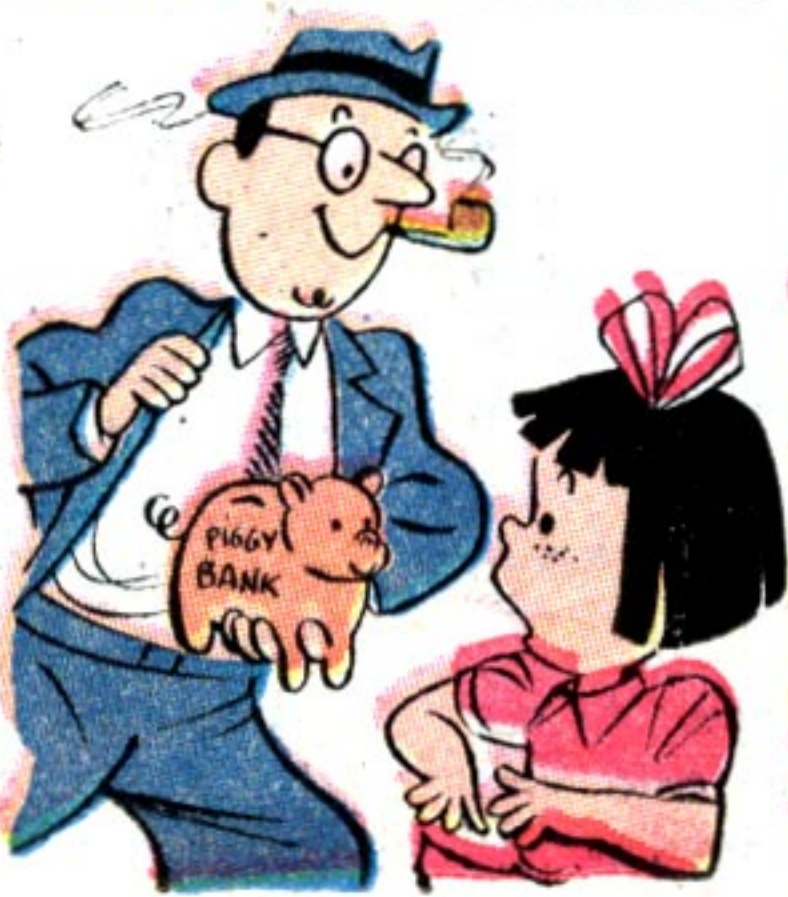
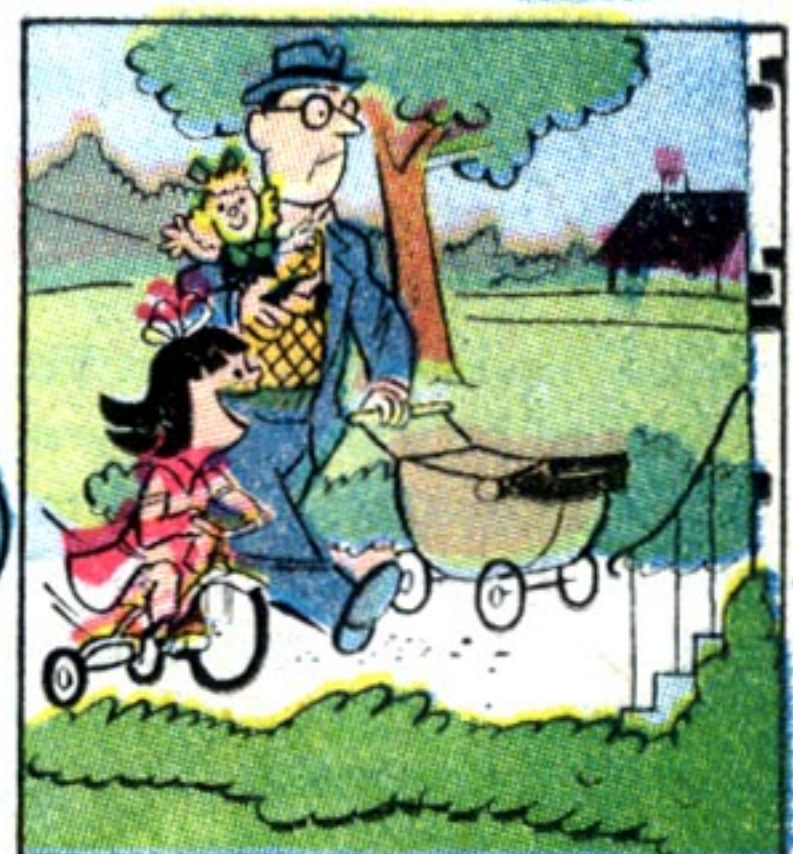
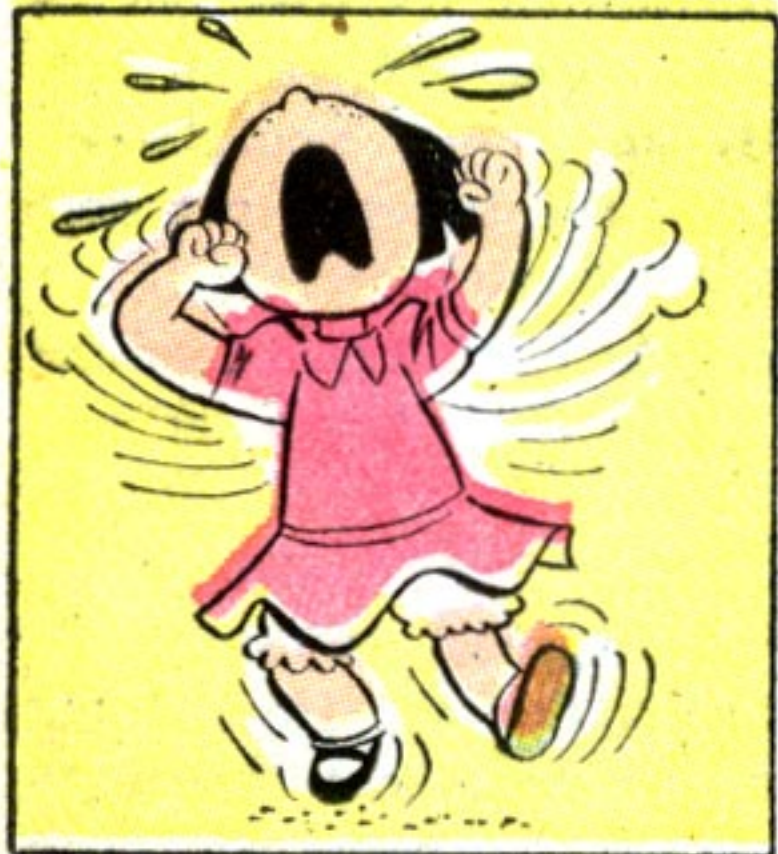
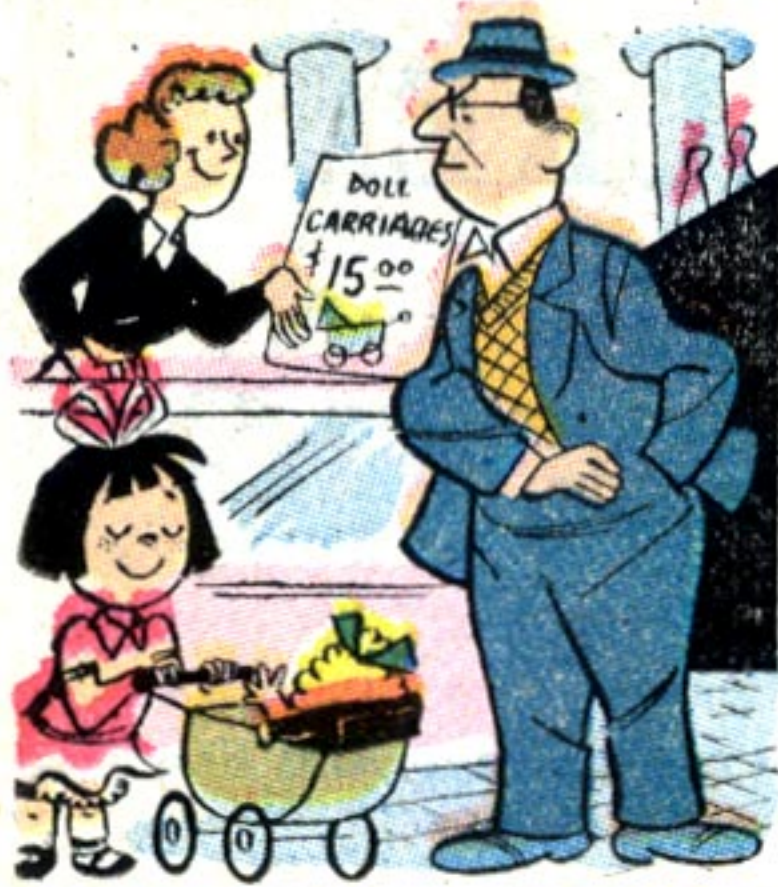
THAT NIGHT

HAPPY
DEAR?

I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW
I DID IT! I NEVER KNEW I
HAD SUCH WONDERFUL TASTE

HOW ELSE DO YA
THINK YA
COULD'VE
PICK' A SON
LIKE ME?





FOILED BY A FLUKE

FLIP FOX was wily, sly, cunning, furtive, shrewd, stealthy and clever and he always had a nose for a bargain. In short, Flip was as much like a fox as a fox can be.

His next door neighbor, Fluke, was entirely different. He was so dumb that if he didn't look like a fox and hadn't been a fox anyone would have mistaken him for an ox. Since he was so stupid and never did anything well he earned his living by doing odd jobs and was grateful for anything, the odder, the better.

Now Flip knew all about Fluke and when he decided he wanted a new scatter rug for his living room he resolved to get Fluke to make it. If he went to the big stores he knew he'd have to pay a lot of money for a rug, but if Fluke made it it would cost him practically nothing.

One morning he ambled over to Fluke's house and knocked on his door.

"Good morning, good morning, Fluke. I need a scatter rug for my living room and I want YOU to make it. And do you want to know why?"

"Because I'll do it cheap." Was Fluke's reply.

"Nothing of the kind. I want you to make it because you are an artist. I give you the commission."

"Thanks, Flip. I could use the work, but rugs are expensive, you know. It will take a lot of time and materials."

"Time! Pshaw!" Flip Fox snorted. "You have plenty of time and as for materials just go over to my house and use any rags you happen to see. Since my living room is early American I want a genuine rag rug. It should look handsome."

"Duh—where will I find the rags?" Asked Fluke.

Flip Fox began to lose patience. "At my house, stupid, that's what I just told you, remember? I want a rag rug and what do

you make rag rugs from? Rags, of course. Just look around the house, you'll find something. Now I'm off on a hunting expedition and when I get back," his eyes narrowed slyly, "I want the rug finished or no pay. Simple, no rug, no pay." And Flip Fox sauntered off.

Fluke was beef-witted, it's true, but he wasn't so dumb that he didn't take Flip at his word. He knew Flip would never pay up unless the rag rug was not only finished, but finished on time.

Dressing quickly he hurried next door and began looking about Flip's house for rags to work with.

He searched the attic and the cellar. He looked in the living room cupboard. He emptied the bureau drawers. He did not find a single rag. He was about to give up when he went to the hall closet and there on the shelf was a pile of wool. It was true the wool wasn't in balls or skeins but in one large piece, but that didn't faze Fluke. Wool was wool and besides Flip hadn't said the rag rug had to be made out of cotton rags so taking a scissors he began cutting and ripping the wool into strips. When he had stripped the entire piece he began braiding a rug.

He worked and he worked. By noon his stomach grumbled but he didn't stop for lunch but kept working and braiding until by nightfall he had finished the rug. He stepped back to regard his handiwork and if he had to say so himself he thought the rug was stunning.

He had just placed it on the floor near the fireplace when the front door was flung open and a breathless, panting, Flip rushed into the house as if a pack of hounds were after him. He ran to the hall closet and flung the door wide. He reached for something on the shelf. Not finding it he ran to the kitchen got a step ladder and returned to the closet. He stepped up the ladder and

searched the shelf wildly. Then he shrieked as if in mortal pain.

"Flip! Flip!" Poor Fluke had been watching this performance with increasing alarm. "What's happened? What is the matter?"

"Matter!" Flip stumbled off the ladder. "My sheepskin! Where is my sheepskin? I went hunting today, as you know. I found a whole flock of delicious, succulent, tender, mouth-watering spring lambs. A whole flock of them waiting—nay, pleading to be caught and I can't catch them without my sheepskin!"

"Duh...why do you need a sheepskin to catch a lamb?" Fluke looked puzzled.

"Listen, pinhead, it's an essential in catching a lamb as any fox who calls himself a fox knows. You can't just walk into a field or sheepfold looking like a fox. You've got to fool the tempting little morsels and the best way to fool them is to look like a sheep. Now do you know why I want my sheepskin?"

Fluke gulped so hard his adam's apple nearly choked him.

"Your...your...what?" It had suddenly dawned on the ox-like fox that Flip's Sheepskin had recently taken on another form.

"My sheepskin, my sheepskin, you thimble-wit? Have you seen it?" Flip shouted.

"Now, now, calm down, Fluke. Take it easy." He avoided looking in the direction of the rug. "It will turn up, I assure you. Duh...meanwhile, it's late and I've worked all day and I'm hungry. How about paying me for my work. I've finished the rug and I finished it on time. It's very pretty."

Flip started simmering down. When it came to shelling out money he had to have his wits about him. He walked to the fireplace and looked down at the rug.

"Not bad." He said. "But it can't have cost too much what with my materials and all..." the rest of the sentence was never finished for Flip bent down and examined the rug closely. There was something very familiar about the rug.

"Talking about sheepskins..." he began.

"Duh...we weren't talking about sheepskins, remember?" Fluke interrupted quickly. "We were talking about rugs and getting paid for making one. Remember?"

"All I want to know is where did you find these rags?" Flip glared at Fluke and seeing the expression on his next door neighbor's face dawn came at last. His groan was heart rending.

"Oh, no! No! NO!" He cried as he sank into the nearest chair.

"But you said to take any old rags that were lying about and this certainly looked old and ragged." Fluke explained.

Sadly Flip took his wallet from his pocket and counting out some money handed it to Fluke. Then he covered his eyes with his hand. When he spoke his voice was bitter.

"They may say many things about me here and round about, but never, never let it be said that Flip Fox didn't pay his lawful debts. There's the money for your work. Take it! Take it! But," he stood up and raised one hand on high, "if ever I look for a bargain again I hope I'm trapped and sent to the nearest zoo. If ever I chisel anything again I hope the hounds catch me and my brush is taken for a souvenir. What a price to pay for a scatter rug!"

"But it wasn't much. It was cheap." Fluke said.

"Cheap!" Flip cried wildly. "Hah! Now I have to buy a month's supply of meat to feed myself. With the price of meat the way it is I could have sent to Persia and had the Shah's personal rug makers weave one for me. For what this cost I could have had a museum piece."

Fluke wasn't so dumb that he didn't realize he had out-stayed his welcome. He went to the door, waved his hand weakly and made a hasty retreat as poor Flip, the clever, wily, shrewd, cunning fox who was as much like a fox as a fox can be sighed long sufferingly and said: "To think that a smart fox like me could be out-smarted by a Fluke!"

THE END

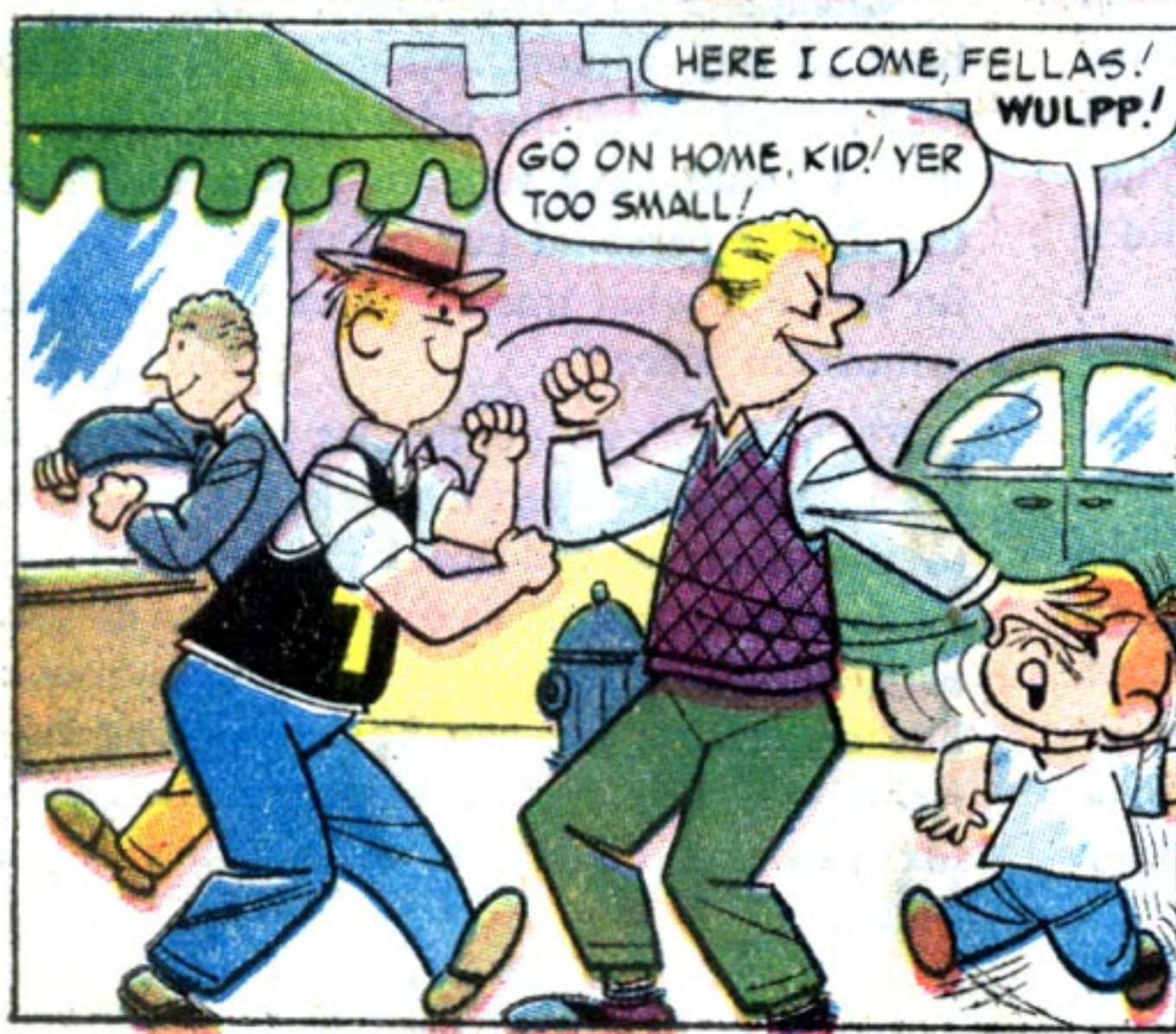
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THREE MINUTES
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ME GOOK

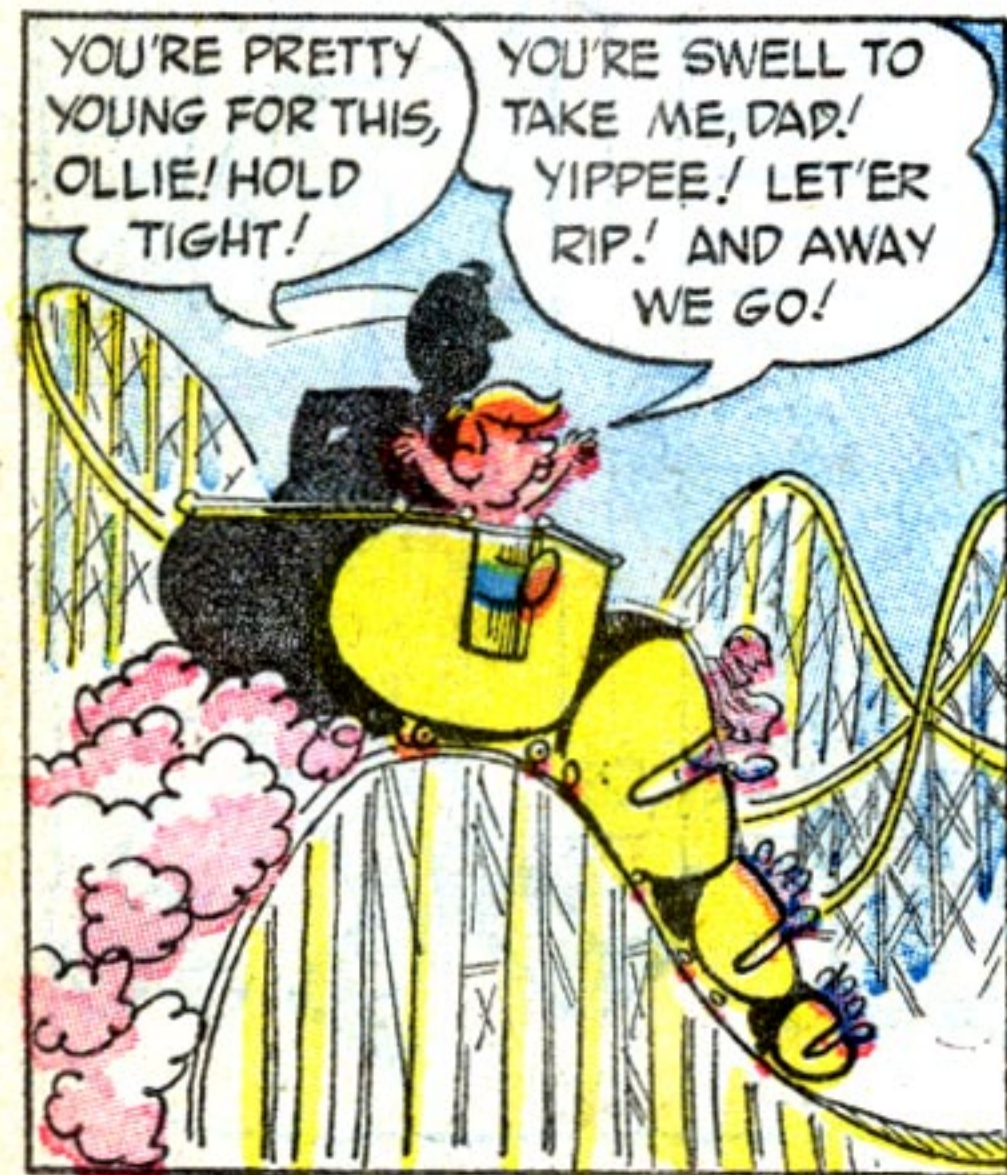
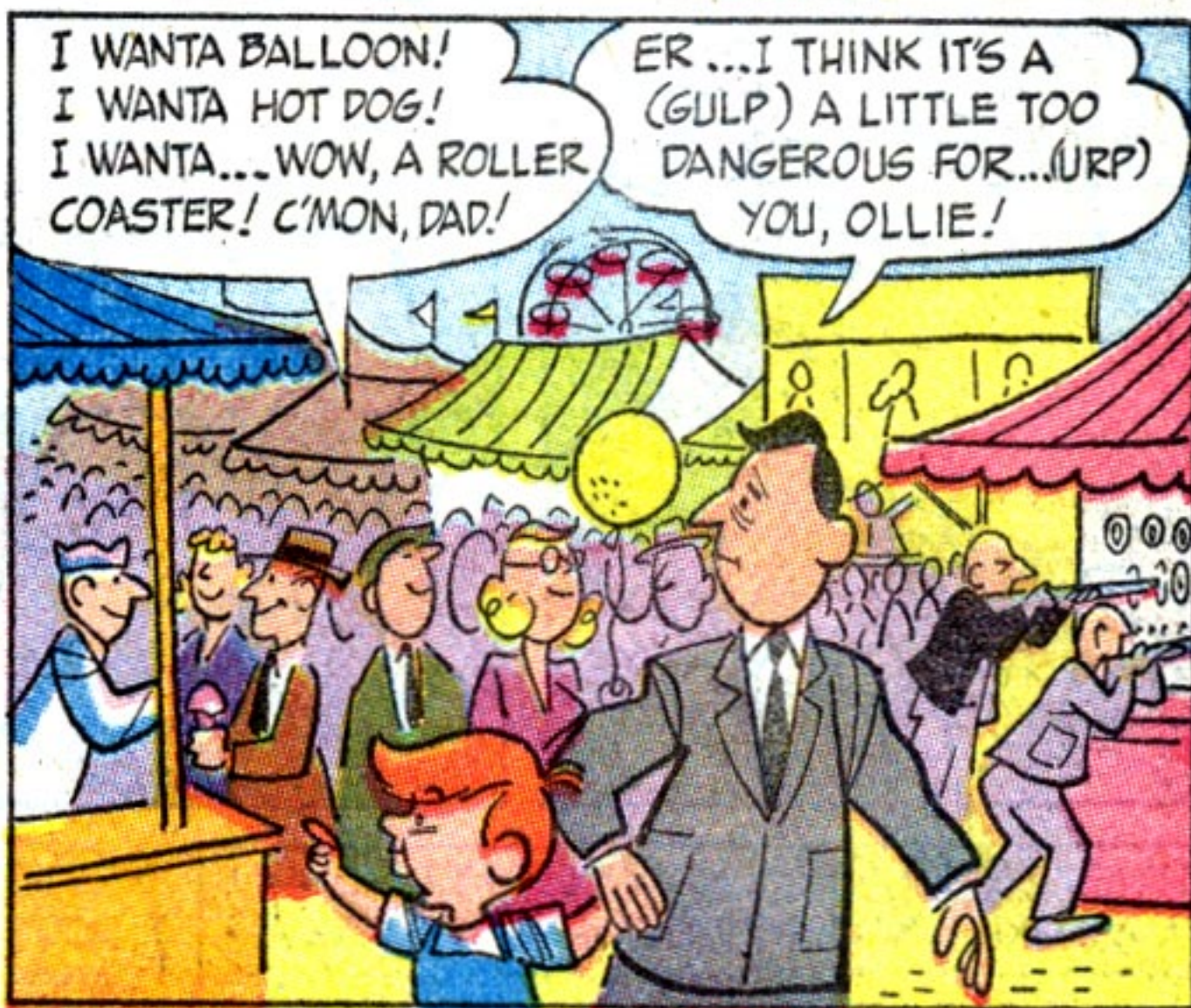
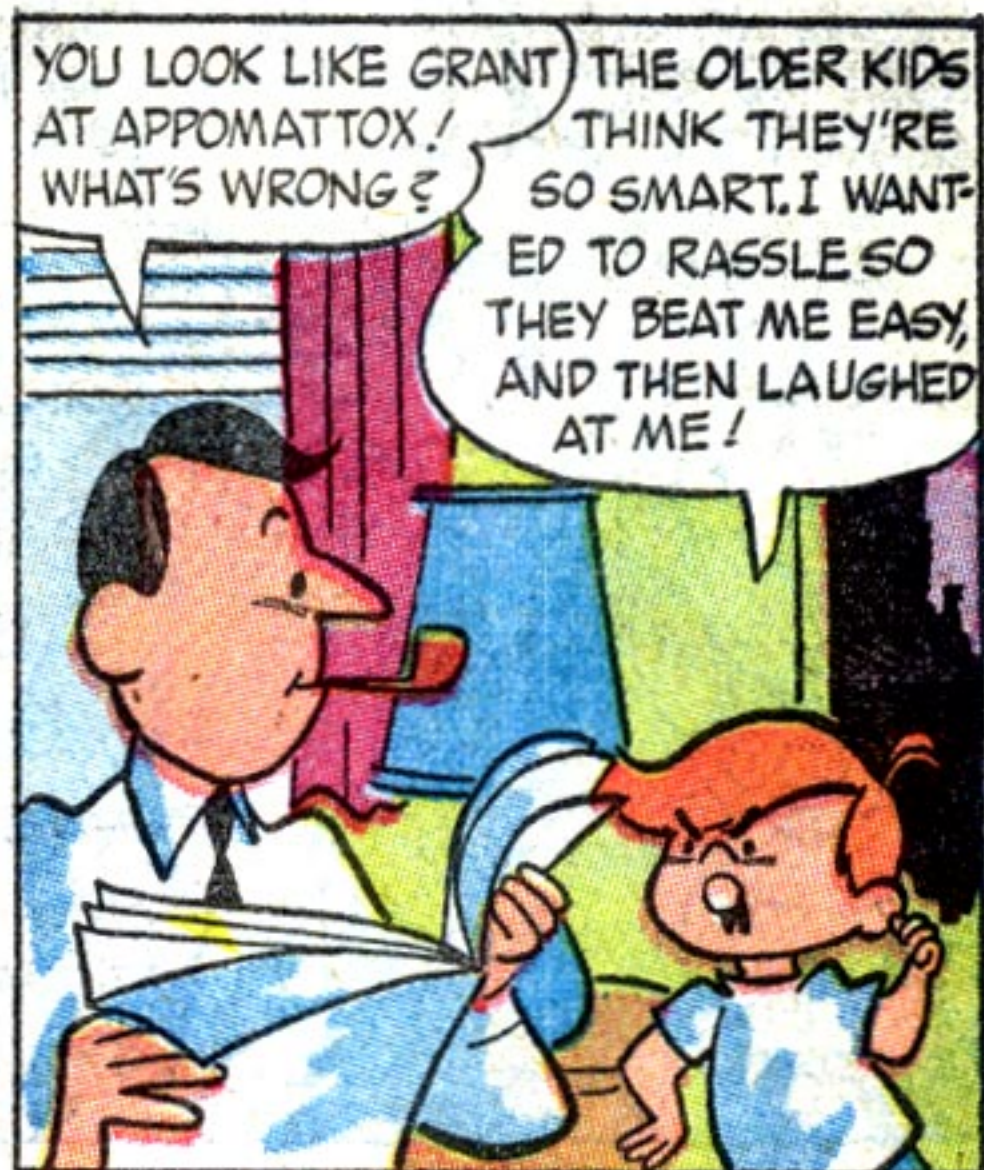
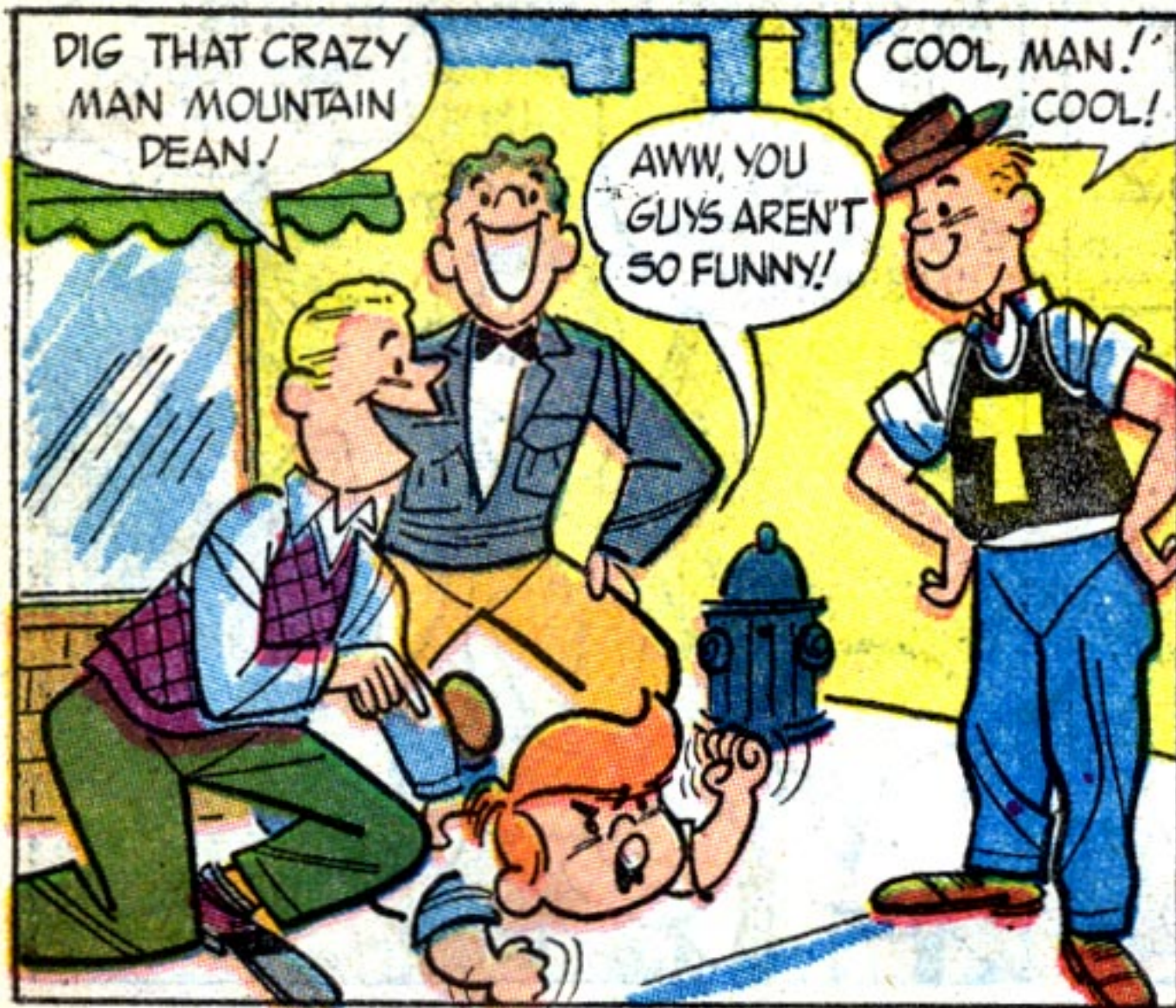
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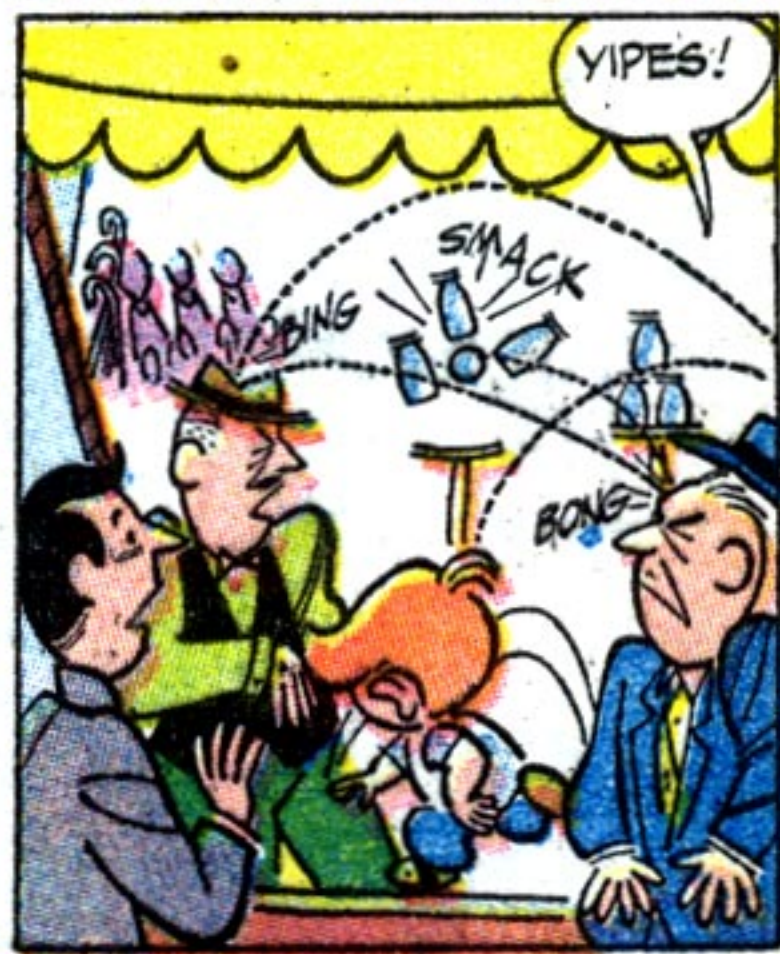
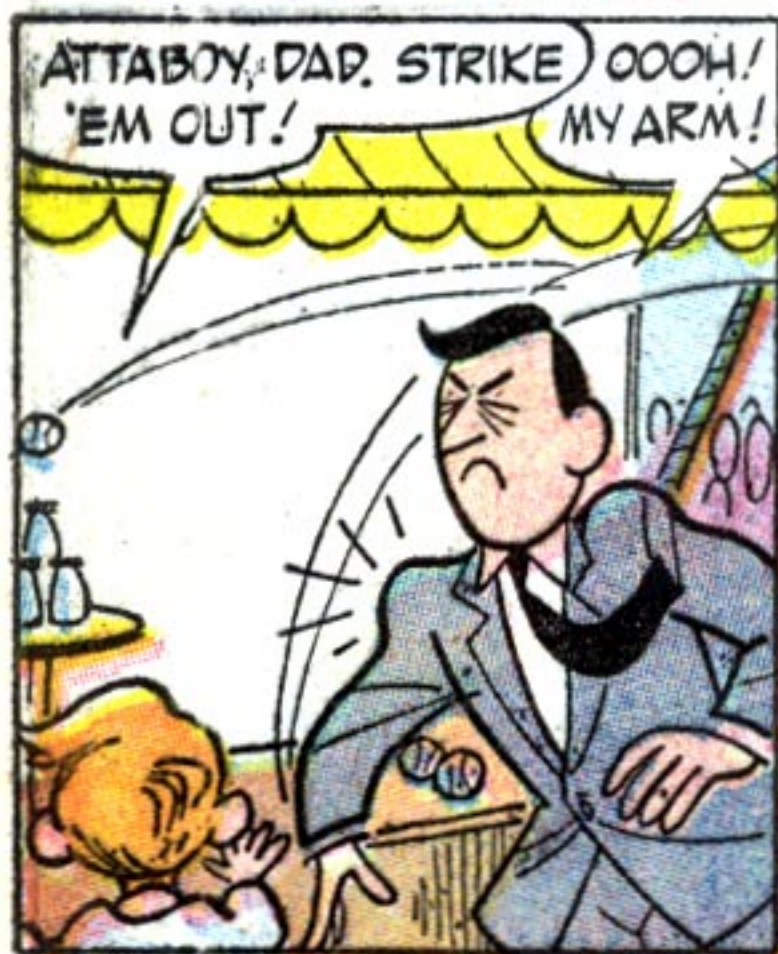
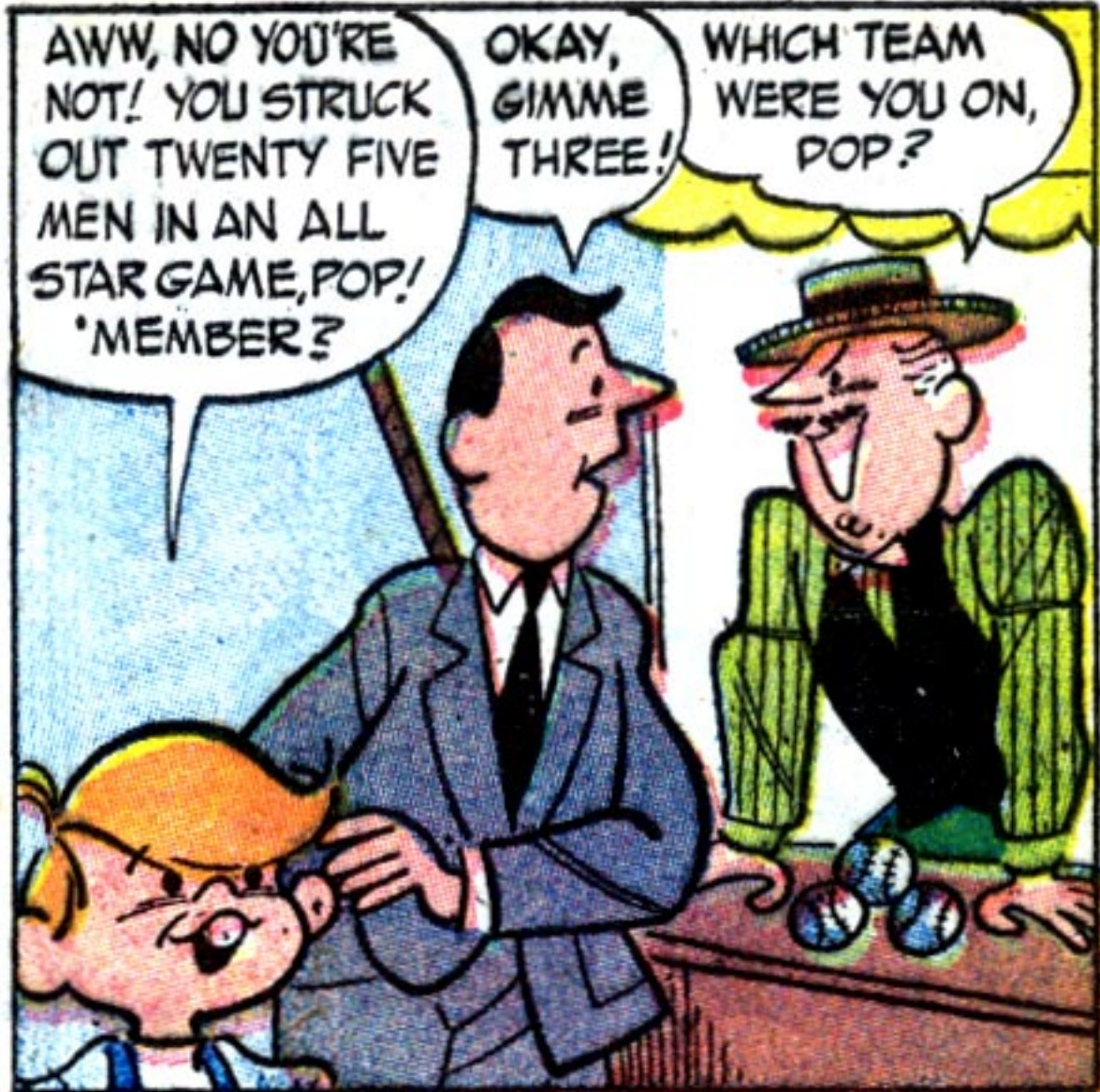
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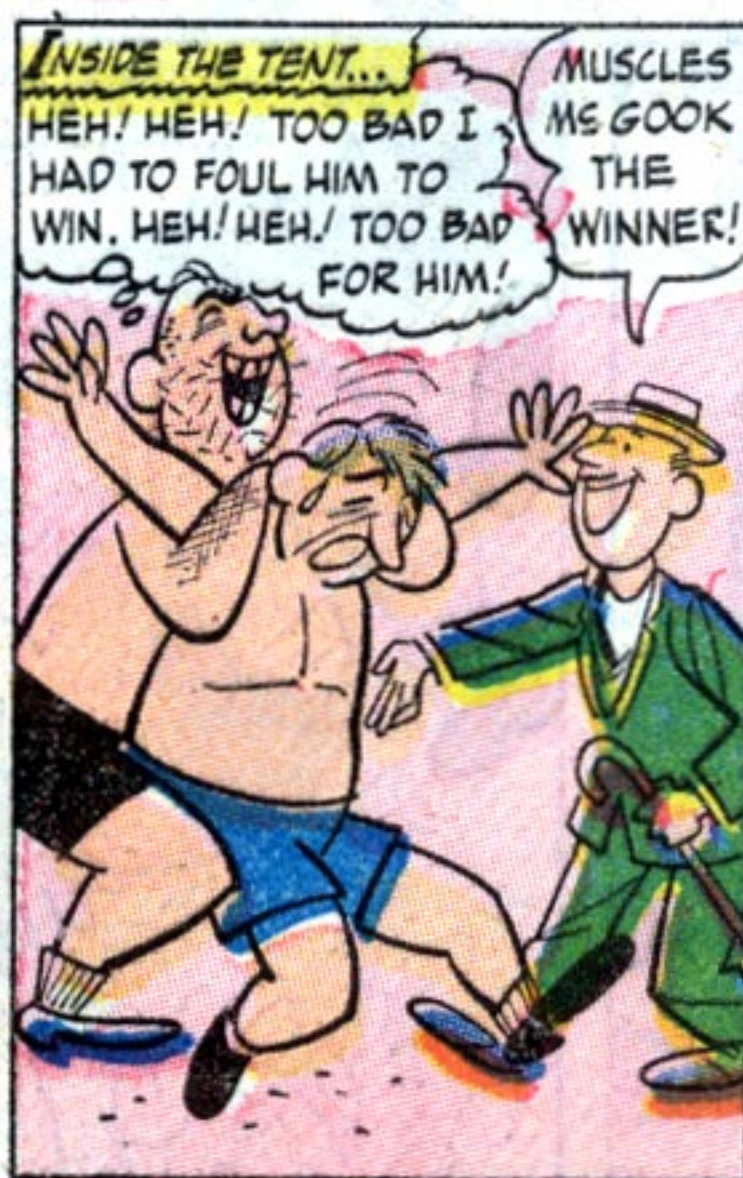
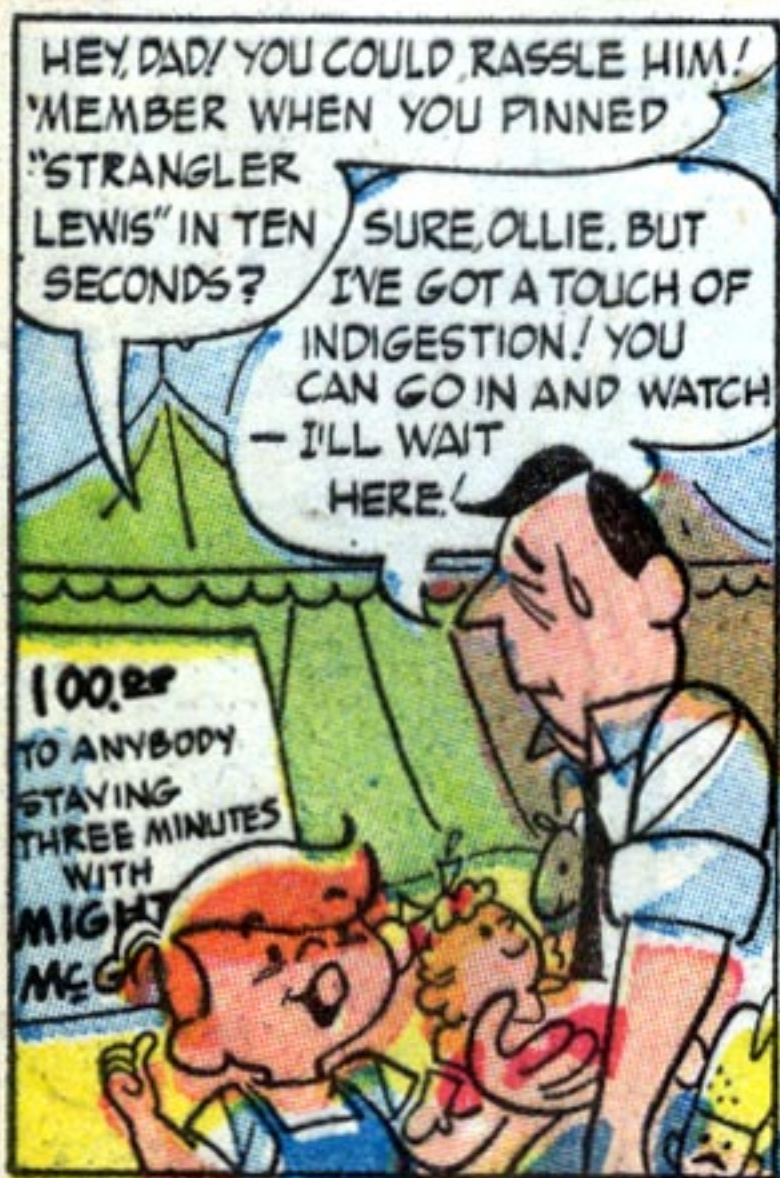
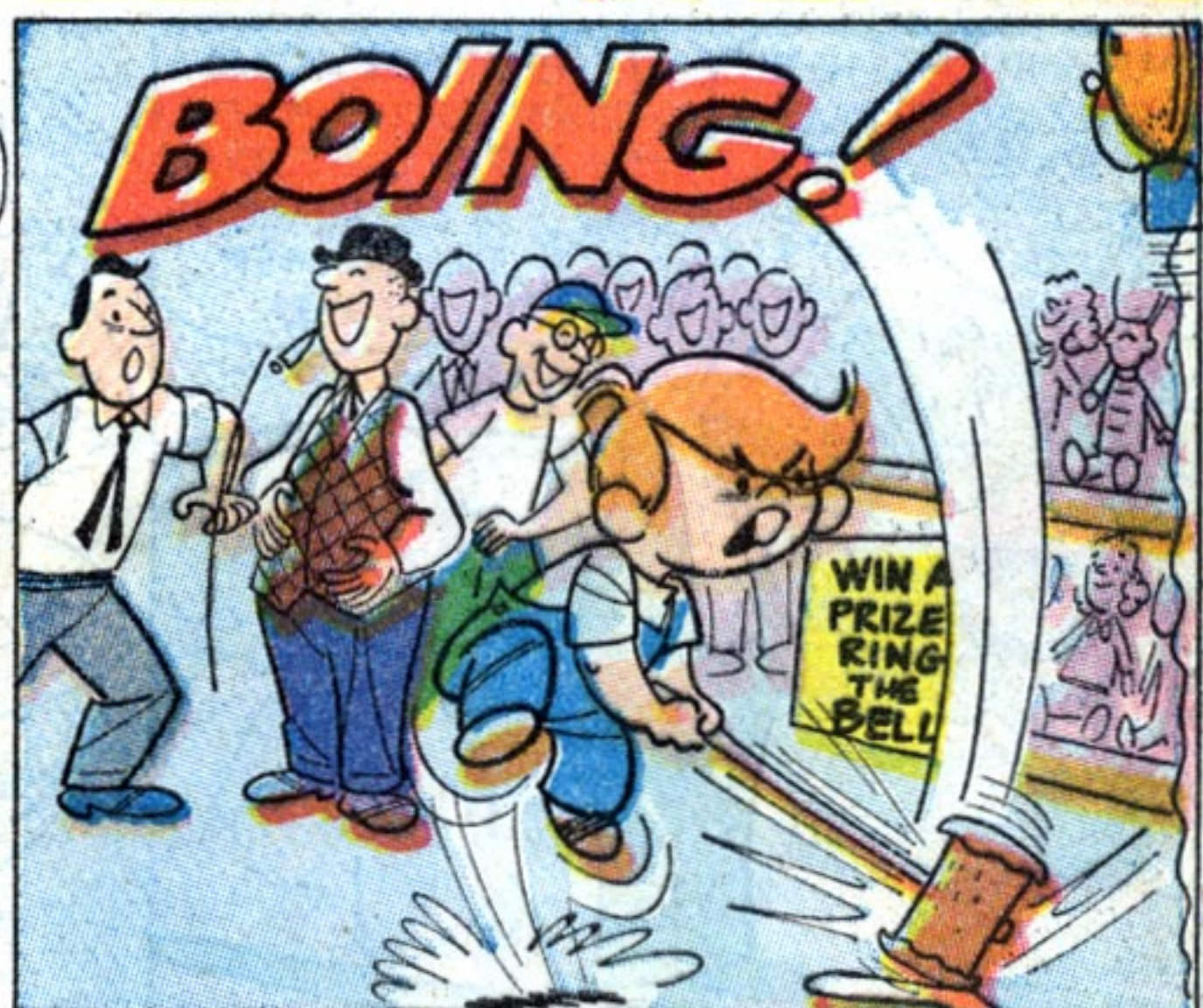
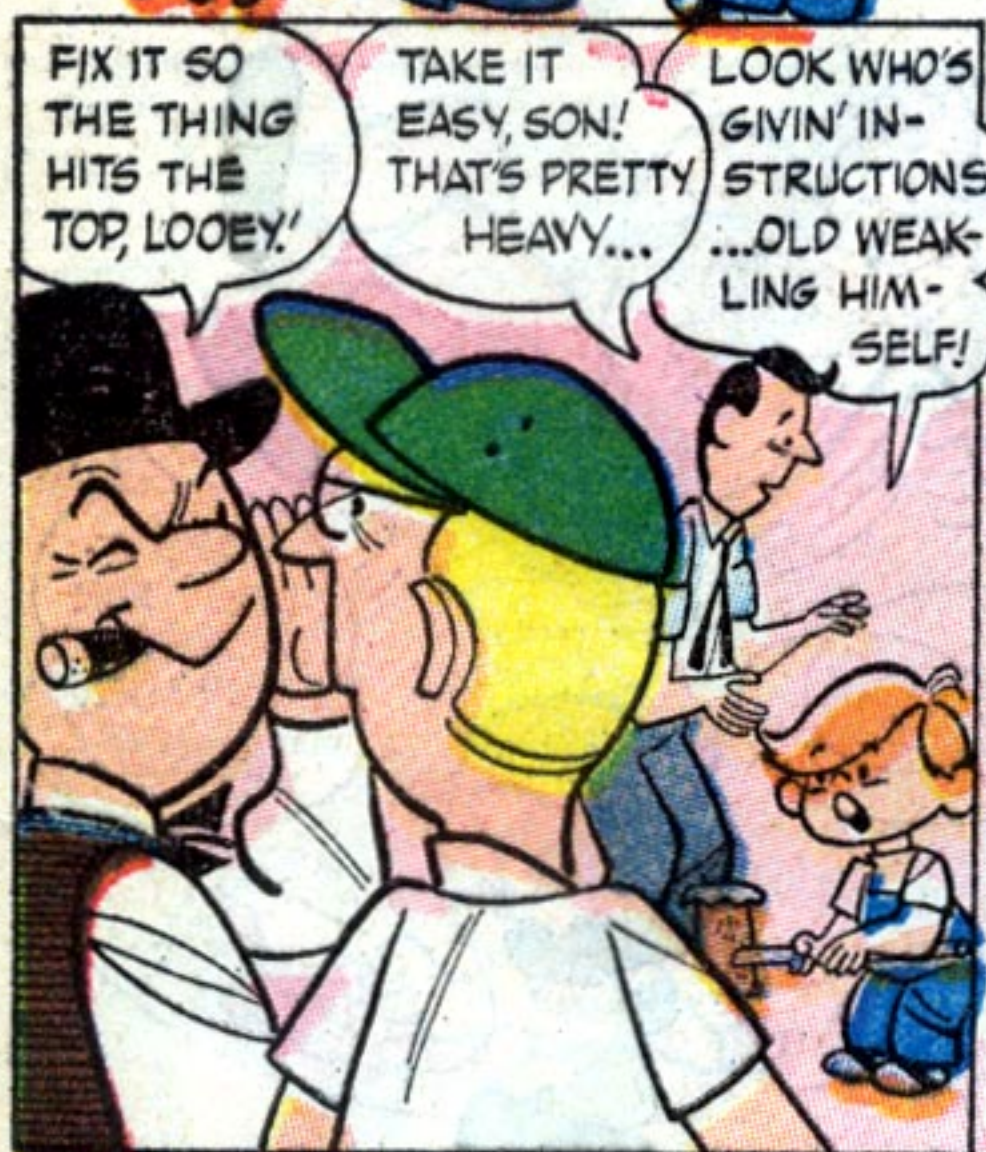
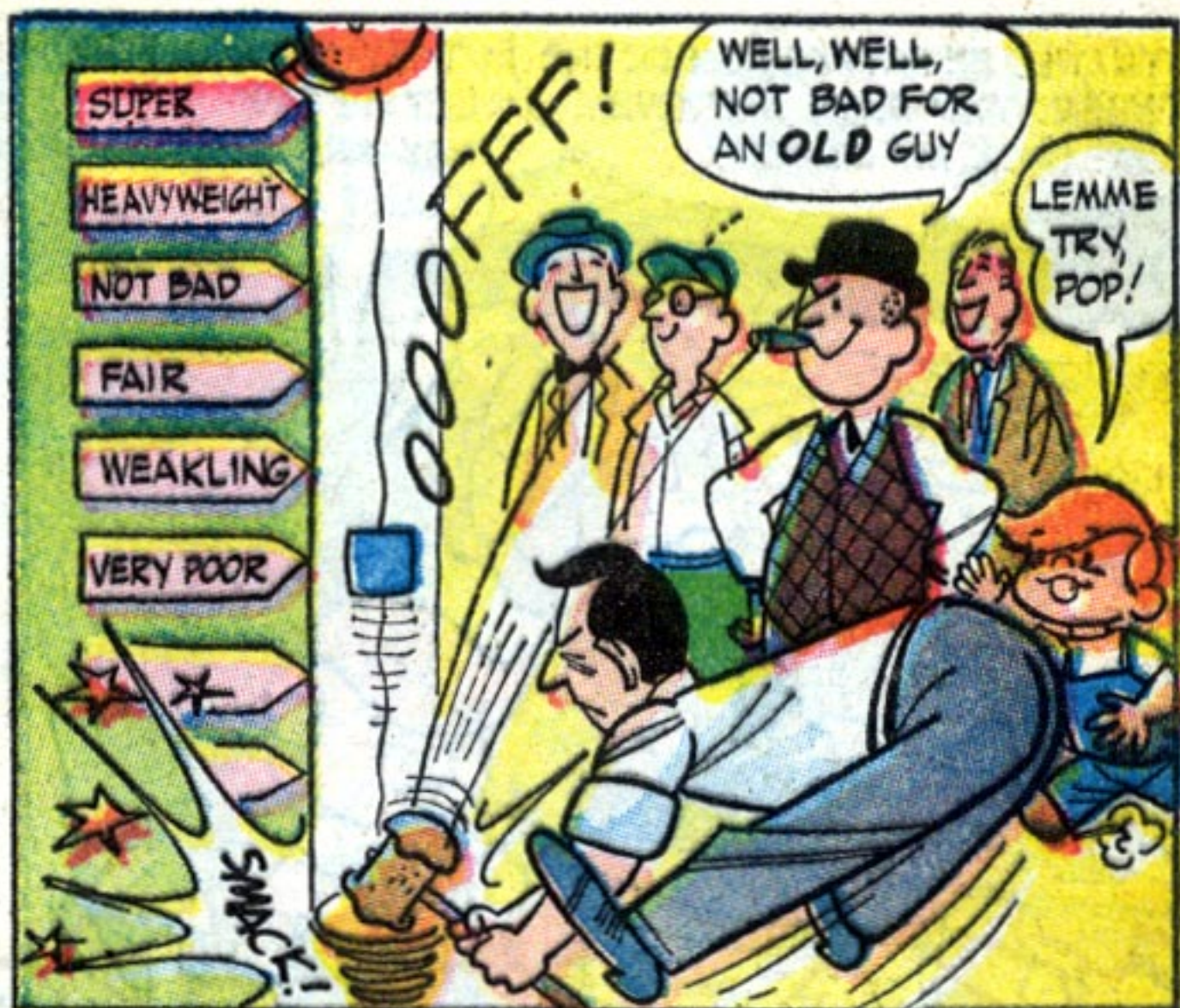
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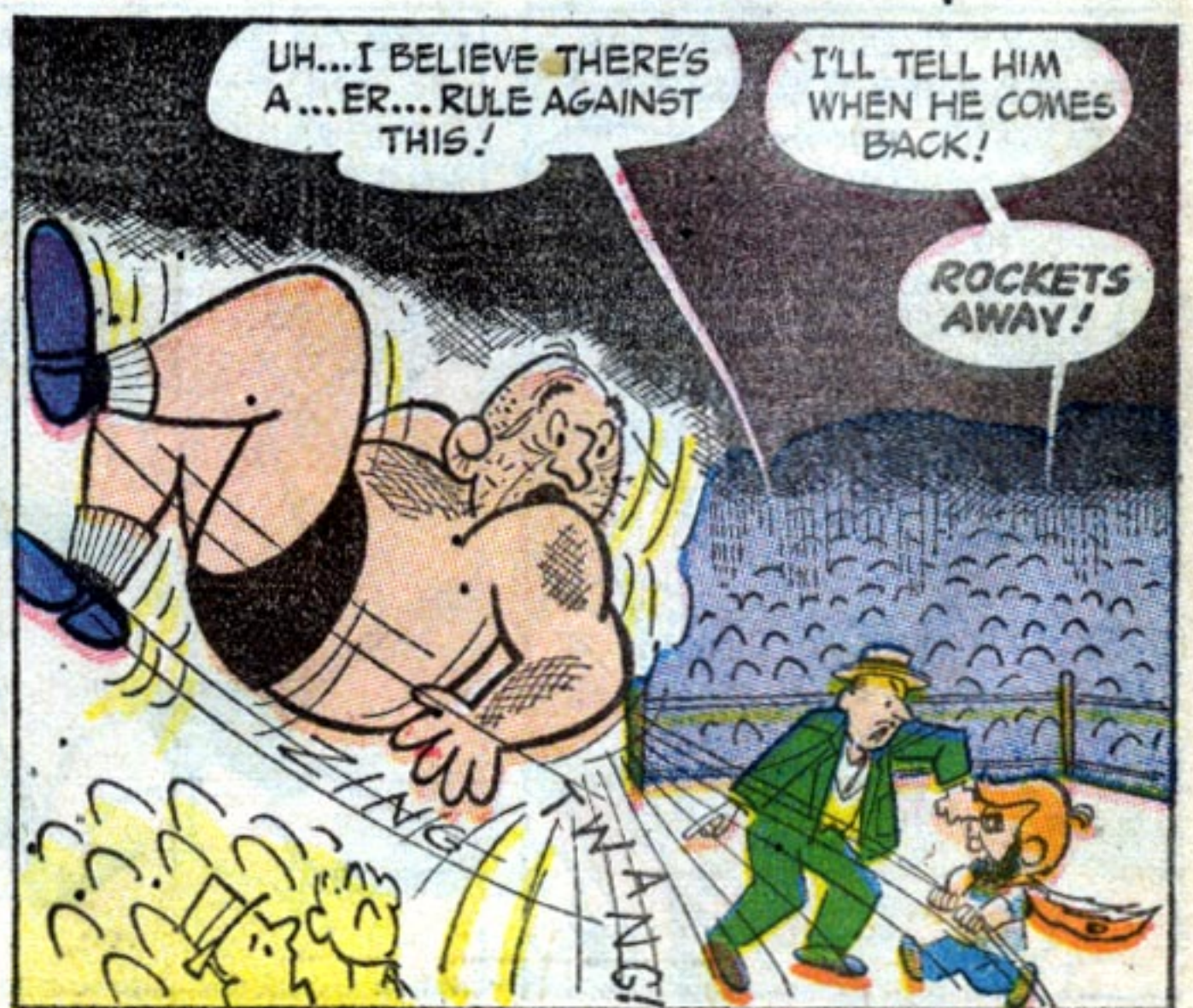
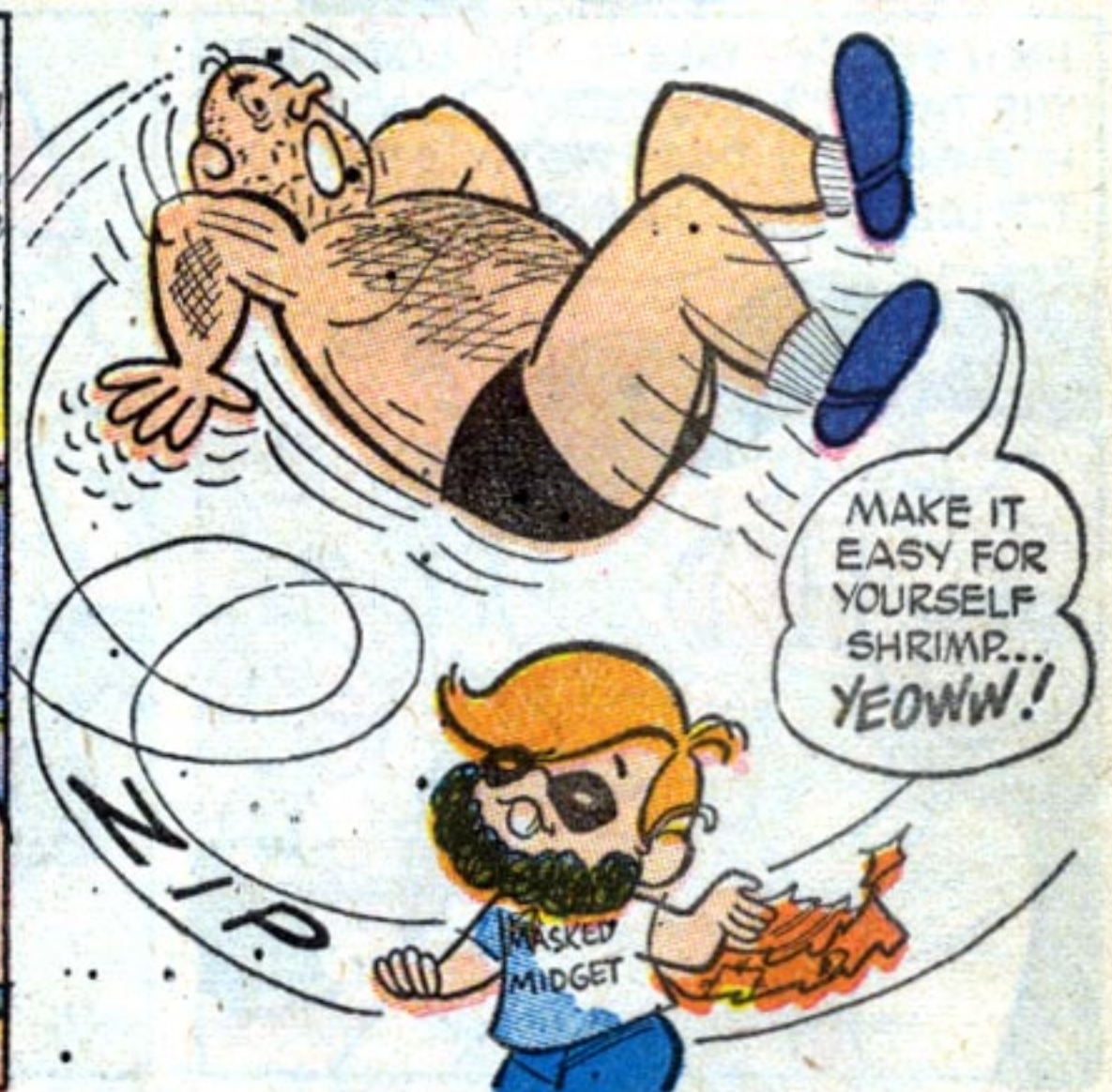
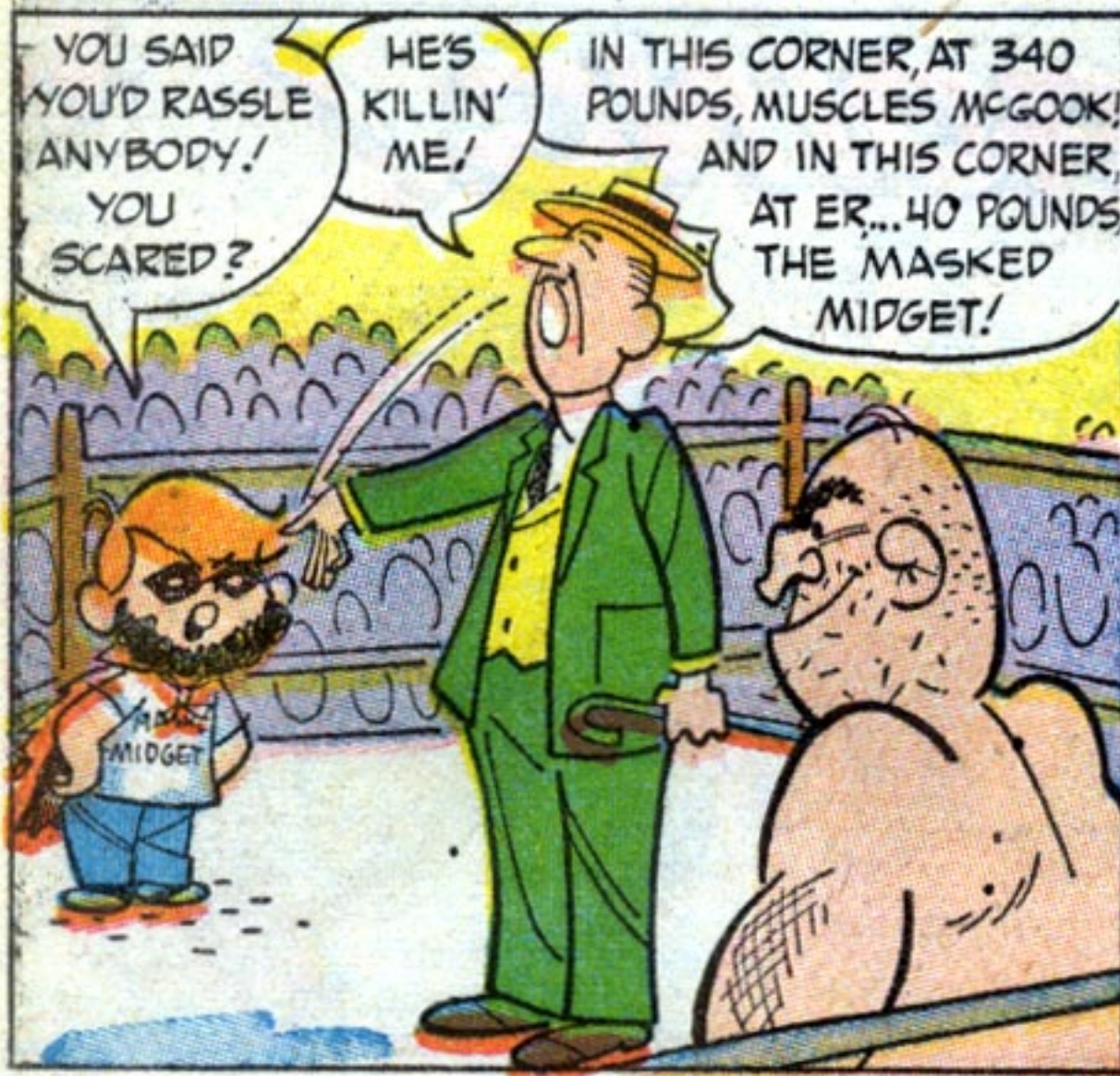
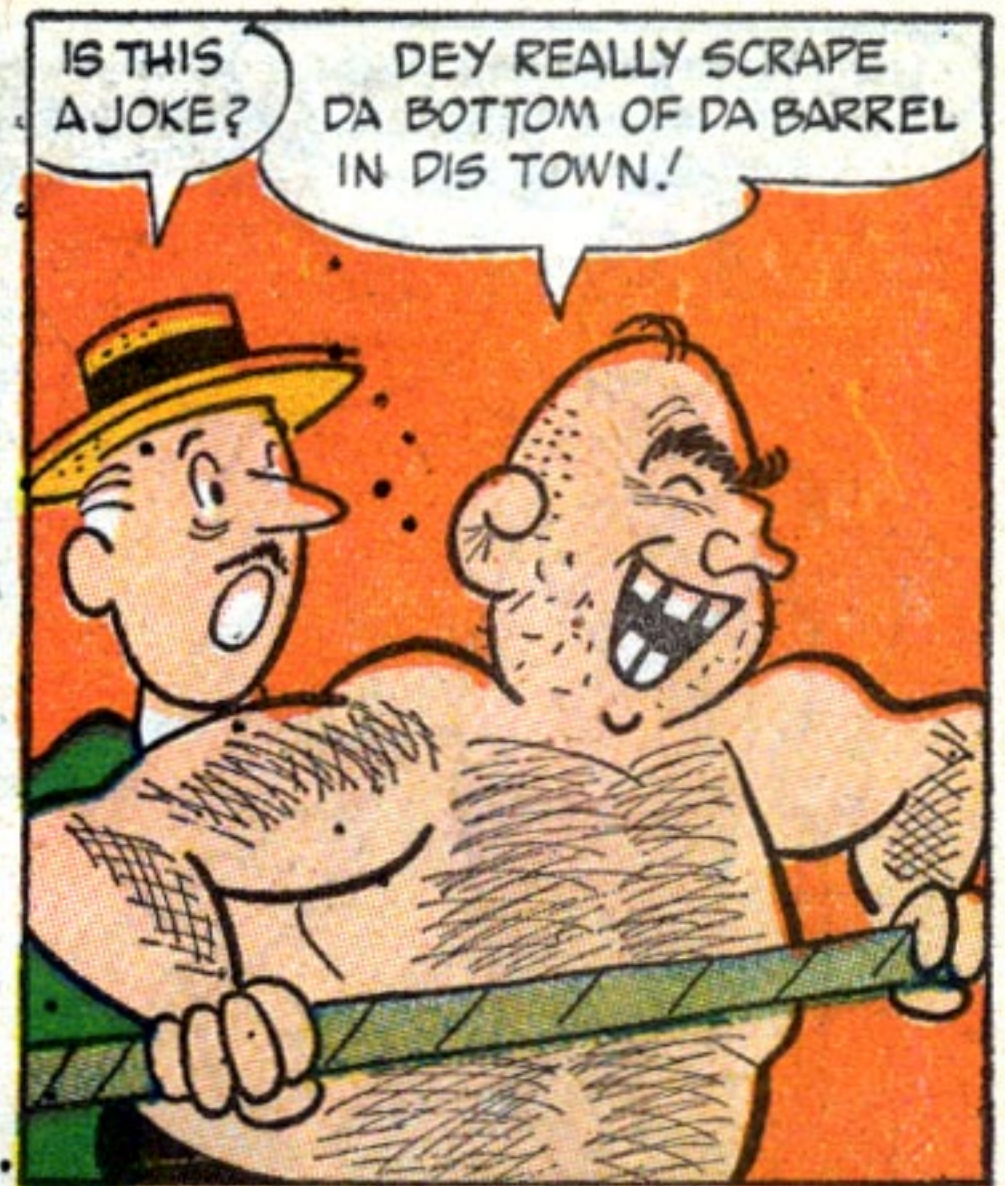
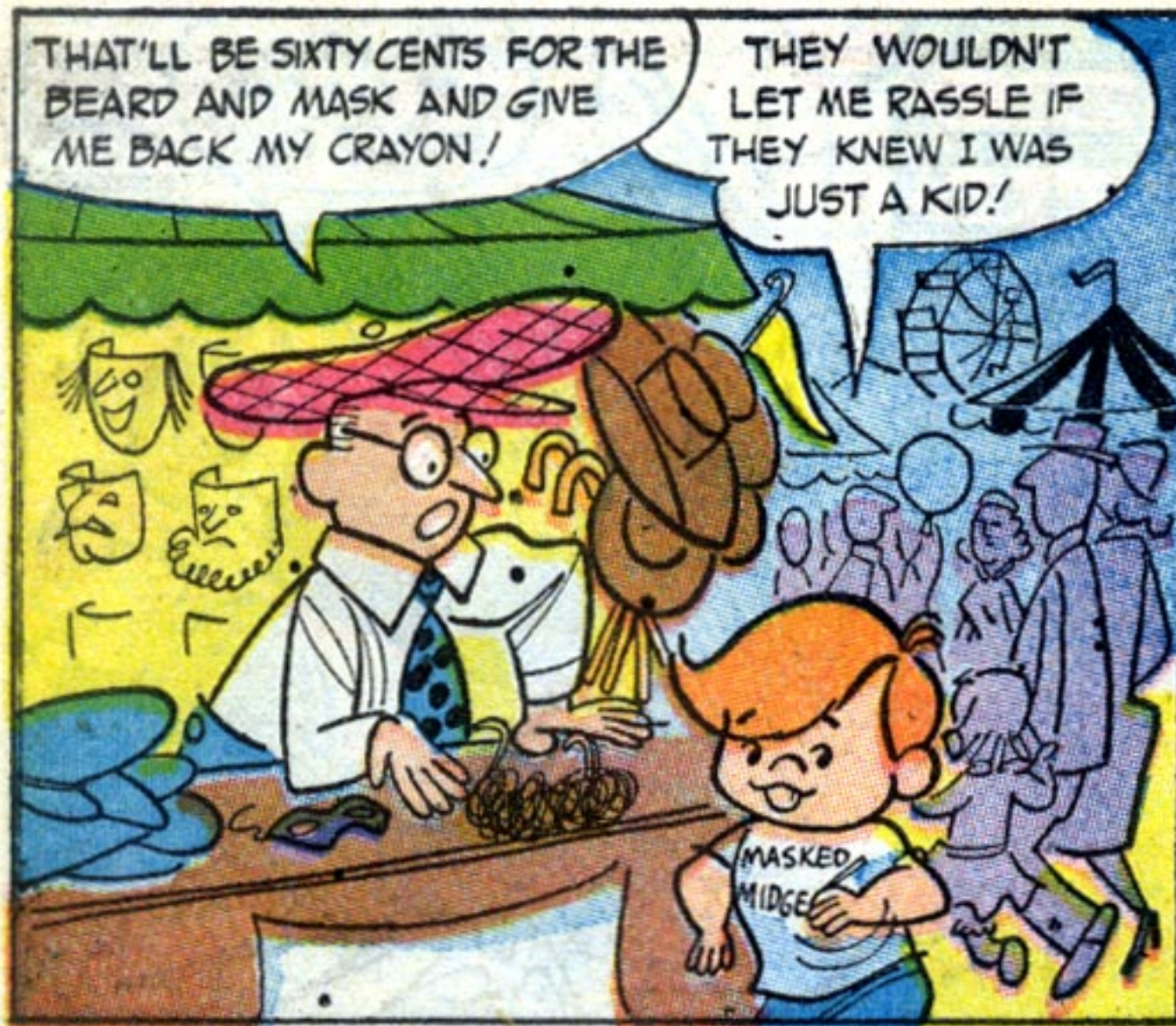
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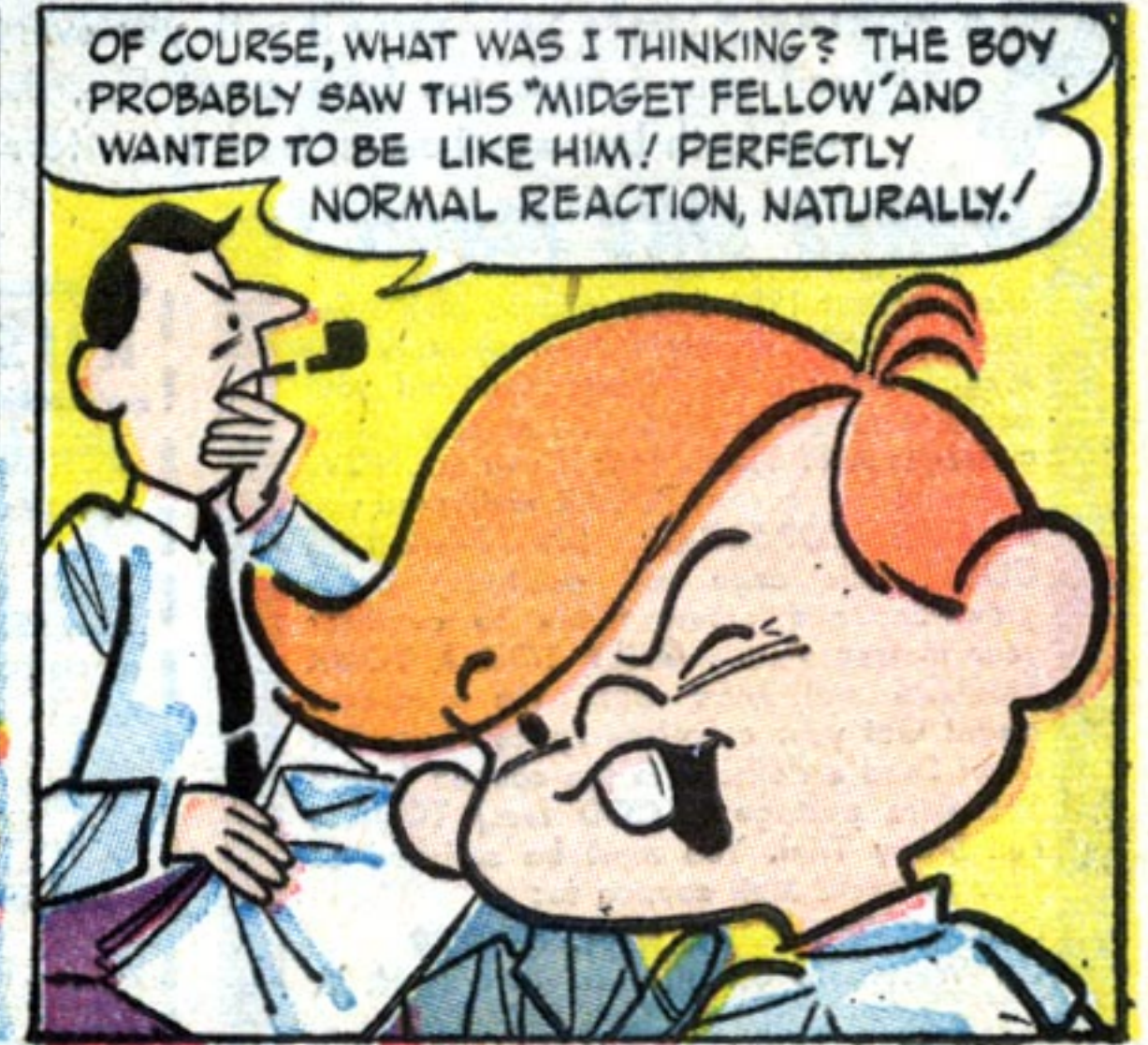
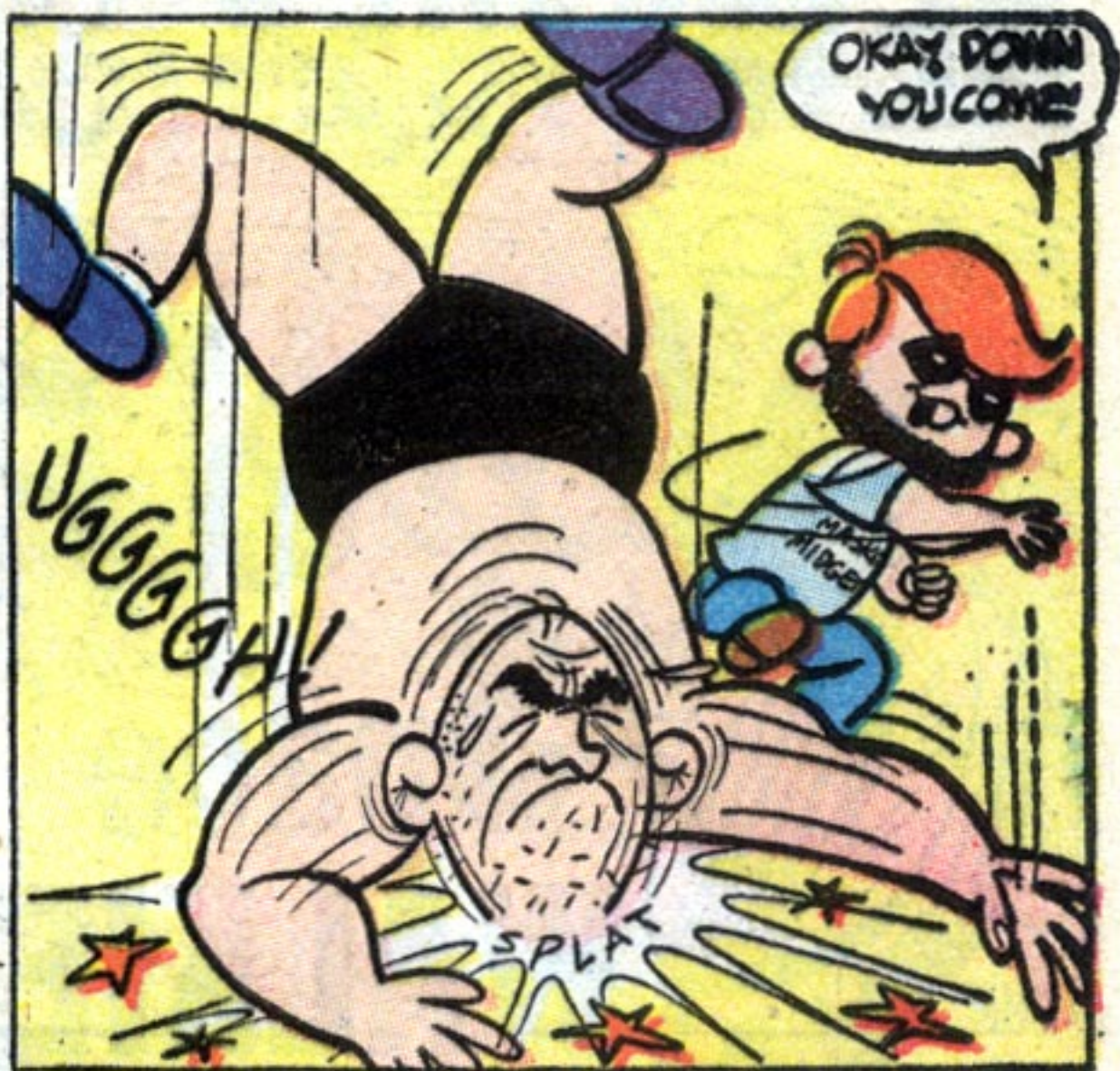












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